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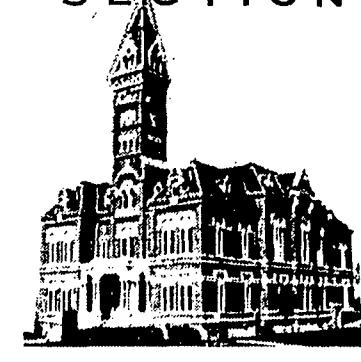
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Battling the flames.
Fighting a fire at a trailer park on 12th Street, Maryville volunteer firefighters put out the last few flames.

JENNIFER STEWART/
Chief Photographer

Fire extinguishes birthday festivity

Family faces moving on after kitchen flames gut out local trailer home

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

One little 3-year-old Maryville girl went to bed March 13 dreaming of her birthday presents and cake but woke up to flames and smoke.

Whitney Silvey was supposed to celebrate her birthday March 14, but a morning fire woke up her mom Christina and ended up gutting and destroying their mobile home in the court at West 12th Street.

Christina woke up to the smell of smoke and went to investigate.

She noticed that her home was filled with smoke.

"I went into the kitchen to see where the smoke was coming from and didn't see any fire," Christina said. "I opened

the door to air out the place, and flames shot up behind the refrigerator and stove."

She quickly evacuated Whitney and her 4-month-old sister Autumn out the mobile home.

Phil Rickabaugh, fire official for Maryville Public Safety, said his department received the call at 9:31 a.m. "We had 17 fighters on the scene," Rickabaugh said.

Despite that, they were not able to save the home.

Rickabaugh said the fire started on the gas stove in the kitchen.

"I don't know exactly what happened," Christina said. "The firefighters said my 3-year-old started the stove, but she was in bed with me when the fire started. I had two smoke detectors with new batteries, but they didn't do anything."

Christina said she did not have any

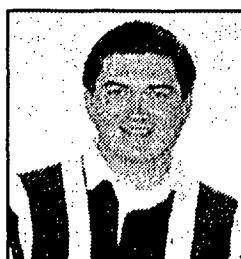
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Moving on. Christina Silvey mourns the loss of her home in a trailer park on 12th Street. Fire Department officials believe the fire began with a gas stove in the kitchen.

TODD WEDDLE/Contributing Photographer

Student garners position in state republican group

ROB J. BROWN
CHIEF REPORTER

As attention begins to shift to the national Republican convention this fall, the College Republicans at Northwest are gearing up for a long and exciting presidential race.

Bob Rice, political science major and member of the Northwest College Republicans, was recently elected to serve as the state secretary on the executive board of the Missouri State Federation of College Republicans.

Rice, a Maryville R-II High School graduate, will keep track of all individual College Republican clubs throughout the state, put out news letters and primarily try to centralize the groups by keeping them all informed.

"I will do the work to help keep the organization going and create support for all the local candidates statewide," Rice said.

He attained the position while in Springfield for Missouri state Lincoln days. He gave a brief speech to the delegates and public in attendance before the vote.

"I was nominated as a candidate, but I really didn't think I had a chance to win," Rice said. "The other two candidates were both juniors and seniors."

He is excited about being the secretary and hopes to bring a bright change to the party.

"It's going to give me a chance to help out the Republican Party," Rice said.

As a freshman, he is the youngest on the executive board and Rice has his eye set to advance on the board over the years.

IM4R2, RU?

Bond supporters hope 6th time's a charm

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

Proponents of the Maryville R-II school bond are hoping the sixth time is the charm when voters go to the polls April 2.

The bond, which calls for the construction of a new middle school to

replace decaying Washington Middle School, has gone before voters in one form or another five times. It has met defeat each time.

Superintendent Gary Bell said the Board of Education has put its unanimous support behind the bond, and he hopes the residents of Maryville do the same.

"We're behind this bond wholeheart-

edly," Bell said. "Now it's up to the people of Maryville."

While this bond is similar to the last five, there are some noted differences.

Marilyn Griffin, school board president, said that while the general purpose of the bond is still to build a new middle school, the process of funding it has changed.

"It's similar, but not quite the same,"

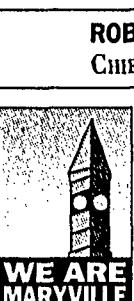
Griffin said. "Last time we proposed funding the project with roll-back revenue bonds instead of general obligation bonds. We're going to go back to using general obligation bonds this time around."

Along with the funding change, there

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Leadership Maryville

Workshop promotes city pride, excellence on the job for residents

ROB J. BROWN
CHIEF REPORTER

From blue- to white-collar workers, people are interested in gaining leadership and excelling in their occupations. Ten years worth of students have done just that — participated in Leadership Maryville.

Leadership Maryville is a workshop that residents participate in to gain better leadership skills in the job site, city and life.

"We target people from all facets in the community to learn more about Maryville," Board president Shelly McIntyre said.

Participants attend weekly meetings at different locations during a four-month period. Each week a speaker from different job areas speak to participants.

Leaders from city government, and various clubs like Rotary, Lions and Soroptimists have spoken to the group in the past.

It travels to Jefferson City to tour the capital, state penitentiary, hear from representatives from the transportation, corrections and state elementary, secondary and higher education offices.

Near the end of the leadership course, it tours around Maryville viewing any of the sites that interests it before its graduation.

Carol Gieseke, director of publications at Northwest and recent graduate of the program, said the

tour and other trips are made fun because of the friendships built between the participants.

After completion of all workshops and meetings, it goes through a casual graduation ceremony. The graduation class, normally about 25, elects three of its members to sit on the Leadership Maryville Board.

McIntyre said for the 10-year anniversary it plans to have an alumni picnic in July.

Past participants have been referred by graduates before them, but the program is open to all residents, as well as newcomers to the county. Involvement costs participants \$120. Although the fee might seem steep, McIntyre said the money goes toward off-setting the cost of the trip to Jefferson City.

"I didn't know what to expect to

learn about the community," Gieseke said. "But I was very eager about (the program) because I get so isolated with the University."

She said the people contributes to the program's success.

"We had people from the hospital, industries, the University, school district, private business and banks," she said. "The variety of age status in the community make it a real nice mix of people."

McIntyre is excited about the program and helping residents in Maryville.

"The program gets people not only to learn more about Maryville, but afterward they know how to help Maryville," she said.

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Calendar

Thursday, March 21
Judging will be conducted by committee members for the Washington Middle School poster contest. Winners will be announced.

Friday, March 22

8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Soroptimist club is sponsoring the Veronica Eckles Free Diabetic Clinic and Health Fair at the First Methodist Church.

Saturday, March 23

Opal Eckert Day. 1 - 3 p.m. A celebration of Women's History Month honoring Eckert at the Nodaway Historical Society.

Sunday, March 24

7 p.m. Brass and Bells concert at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The concert is free to the public.

Friday, March 29

The Distinguished Gentlemen will perform at Washington Middle School to celebrate the end of National Middle School month.

Upcoming Events

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place at noon Mondays and Thursdays at the Wesley Center.

6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Saturdays, Overeaters anonymous at the North Wing dining room at St. Francis hospital.

St. Gregory's Body Walk



An Inside look. With the help of volunteer Janet Rasehun, wearing a brain hat, a group of students attending the Body Walk learn how the brain works. More than 20 area schools participated in the walk which allows children to take a closer look at how their bodies work. The exhibit will be displayed until March 29.

LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

Proposed bond tax rate hits 47¢

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"We're also trying to fund renovations and expansions for the high school," Griffin said.

This project will include building onto and adding equipment to the library, remodeling the cafeteria and science area, and building a new combination cafeteria/meeting area.

Bell said the time for the high school renovations has come.

"We've delayed the work long enough," he said. "The high school issue needs to be addressed and something has to be done about it."

What the changes mean to the voters is a slight increase in cost. The last proposed bond would have added an additional 44 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. The new incarnation of the bond calls for that rate to rise to 47 cents. The total amount of the requested loan is \$7.88 million.

Griffin said the text on the ballot should allow voters to fully comprehend the bond ramifications.

"The wording on the ballot is very clear," she said. "And we have gotten positive feedback from people we've talked to so far."

Griffin said she is excited about the upcoming vote on the bond.

"Saying what the public's reaction to the bond is going to be a very difficult thing," she said. "The bond would be a great benefit to the school and the community, but we won't know what the outcome is until the final vote on April 2."

A constitutional amendment will also be on the April 2 ballot. The amendment calls for a statewide vote on any proposed tax or fee increases that would exceed \$50 million or one percent of total state revenue for one fiscal year.

SCHOOL BOND

IM4R2, RU?

Proposition No. 1
Shall the Board of Education of the Maryville School District of Nodaway County, Missouri, borrow money in the amount of \$7,880,000 for the purposes of: erecting and equipping a middle school building, remodeling and renovating the high school building by expanding and equipping the library, converting the current cafeteria into three classrooms, remodeling the existing science area, and building a new cafeteria/meeting area, and issue bonds for the payment thereof?

Next week, the Northwest Missourian will provide an extensive preview of the City Council, School Board and sheriff's elections, which will be included on the April 2 ballot.

KNIM rocks 'round-the-clock

SUSIE MIRE
SENIOR REPORTER

KNIM 97.1 is rocking around the clock with its recent change to 24-hour programming.

The radio station first began 'round-the-clock programming in February.

"We were pretty quiet about it at

first because we wanted to make sure the technology would work," Deb Raus, KNIM music and program director, said.

The radio station subscribes to a satellite service from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. During that time period, listeners will hear hits from the '50s, '60s and '70s.

Raus said several factors contributed to allow the change in format.

The most important was the purchase of a SmartCaster computer, which allows the station to program and go on the air without an actual broadcaster in the booth.

The community has been supportive of the change. Raus said late-night workers at area business appreciate having a local station to stay up with them. Other Maryville residents

enjoy the early morning broadcast on their clock radios.

"Now they can wake up with KNIM and stay with us throughout the day," Raus said.

Raus said sports fans will not be disappointed with the change. The station will continue to broadcast evening sporting events, including Royals baseball games.

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Volunteers lace up sneakers for MS walk

SUSIE MIRES
SENIOR REPORTER

Maryville residents will go the distance in the fight against multiple sclerosis during the MS Walk Saturday, April 13.

Ten area communities will participate in the event. In Maryville, the 9.2-mile walk begins at 9 a.m. at the high school with registration at 8 a.m.

"Maryville has always been a really good community to support the walk, which is good because we have a lot of clients in that area," said Linda Frye, community services director of the St. Joseph branch of the MS Society.

Frye said for each dollar raised from pledges, 62 cents will remain in northwest Missouri. Most of the remaining funds will go into research.

"We don't know either the cause or the cure for MS," Frye said.

According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Mid America Chapter, multiple sclerosis is a disease of

the body's central nervous system. It is an unpredictable disease, but common symptoms include weakness, numbness, impaired sensation and tremors. Each week, 200 Americans are diagnosed with MS, most of them between the ages of 20 and 40. Nearly twice as many women as men have multiple sclerosis.

Anyone who wishes to join the fight against MS may participate in the upcoming fund-raiser. The 1996 goal is to raise \$125 per walker. Prizes are available for different levels of fund raising, beginning with a T-shirt for \$75 worth of pledges. Other prizes include gift certificates from Spiegel or The Sharper Image. The grand prize winner will receive two round trip tickets to any U.S. destination from TWA.

Local sponsors of the walk are the Maryville Business and Professional Women, KNIM Radio and Domino's Pizza.

The co-chairs for the event are Shelly McIntyre and Deb Raus.

To obtain an entry form, pick up a brochure from local businesses or call the St. Joseph branch at 1-800-745-6148.

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"I'd like to move up the ranks and the entire state of the College Republicans to be a stronger, more centralized unit," Rice said. "I'd also like to help with the grassroots campaigning of all the candidates."

Along with his unique positions on the board, Rice was also elected to

serve as one of the executive committee delegates to Republican conventions, representing Nodaway County.

He is also the first person ever from Northwest and the youngest ever to serve as a delegate.

Rice will have the opportunity to vote on what platform the Republican Party wants to take in the up-

coming presidential election.

Mandy Piper, Northwest College Republicans member, was also chosen as a delegate to state convention from Marion County.

The College Republicans have been busy lately with many activities with the hope of bulking up the club.

The group has made it a goal to converse with the community Republicans

and help out with caucuses and elections to broaden its horizons.

"It's great interacting with the party in the community," Doug Wilson, vice president of the Northwest group, said.

The group is also raising funds for a trip to hear Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas speak in Cape Girardeau late next month.

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insurance, but hopes to rebound from the fire.

"We found a house that looks pretty good," she said. "I'm on HUD (Housing and Urban Development), so if they OK it, I think that house will work."

The family is currently staying with friends in rural Maryville.

Christina said the family is set for clothes, but it needs additional necessities.

"I don't have any small appliances right now; it's going to take some to get going again," she said.

Anyone wishing to help out the family can contact Donna Fryer, American Red Cross, by calling 582-8160.

EN ROUTE TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Dole's campaign encourages, discourages voters

HAWKEYE WILSON
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

After clinching the Republican presidential nomination after the latest string of primaries, Bob Dole is nothing of an enigma to people, but some still hold reservations about him.

"Dole is a Washington insider and a great legislative engineer," undecided major Nick Mathews said. "In a time when Americans are looking for an outsider, is Bob Dole the answer they are looking for?"

Mathews said the election will be interesting because both President Bill Clinton and Bob Dole are Washington insiders and represent two different generations.

However, accounting major Jeremy

Sullivan said the very things that people hold against Dole should be used as advantages.

"He has the ability to get things done and knows how the system works," Sullivan said. "People are tired of gridlock, and I believe Dole will get the job done."

Other qualities of Dole include being the longest serving Majority Leader in the U.S. Senate's history, a former Republican National Party Chairman and a WWII war hero.

Orville Florea, manager of Florea gas station, said he did not like Dole because he believes he was untruthful.

"I don't care for him," Florea said. "I think he's a damn liar. I just don't think very much of the man."

Mitch Schoppman, international business major, said that with Dole being a war hero, Americans can see leadership in someone who has risked their life for their country.

"I'm going to vote for Dole because I see in him someone who is willing to go the distance for the country and who has been tested before and succeeded," he said.

Dole has ran for president in both 1980 and 1988. In both instances, he failed to receive the Republican nomination. However, after losing only a few primaries, Dole has received more than the 1996 delegates needed to take this year's nomination.

Dole is running on a promise of returning power to the people through state and local governments. He often pulls an index card out of his breast pocket bearing the 10th Amendment, which reserves for the states all powers not expressly granted the federal government.

The Republican National Convention will take place in San Diego, Calif., between Aug. 12-15.

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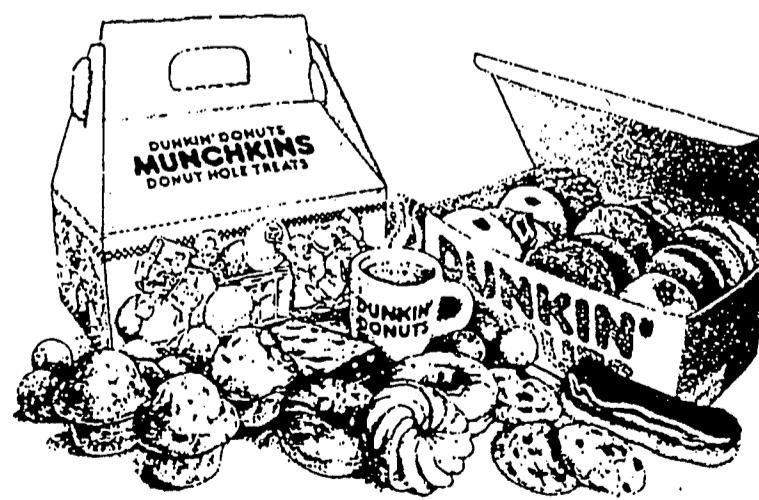


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Police Reports

These reports are taken from the official reports that Maryville Public Safety and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department receive.

- March 8 - Calvin L. Brown Jr., 21, of Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for burglary. He was released on \$10,000 bond.
- March 8 - Wesley C. Ward, 43, of Skidmore, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released after being held the mandatory eight hours.
- March 9 - Tamera R. Justus, 23, of Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation. She is being held on \$5,000 bond.
- March 9 - Officers took a report of phone harassment from a Maryville subject.
- March 9 - Officers took a report of an assault involving juveniles. This case was turned over to the juvenile office.
- March 9 - A Maryville male reported vandalism to a building he owns on North College Drive. The damage was valued at approximately \$150. Juveniles were discovered to be involved in this incident, and the report was turned over to the juvenile officer.
- March 10 - A Barnard male reported the theft of items from two of his vehicles while they were parked at his residence.
- March 11 - A Maryville male reported that the passenger window of his vehicle was broken out while it was parked in the 900 block of College Avenue.
- March 11 - John A. Lager, of Maryville, was struck by a vehicle belonging to Annah M. Evans, of Maryville, who was attempting to turn from First onto Munn Avenue. Evans was cited with failure to yield. Lager, Evans and a passenger in Lager's car all received probable but not apparent injuries.
- March 11 - Fire units responded to a fire in the 1200 block of East Crestview. It was found that it had been a grease fire. The occupant had removed the pan and thrown it outside. The house did not receive any fire damage, but it did receive smoke damage.
- March 12 - A Maryville male reported the theft of a 12-inch by 16-inch Sentry Model 1800 safe, which contained cash, a gold sailboat emblem, pager cases and a car title.
- March 12 - David L. Wathen, 29, of Maryville, was issued a summons for having an animal at large after his dog was picked up on the Northwest campus.
- March 12 - A Maryville female reported the theft of her driver's license and \$20 from a business in the 400 block of North Buchanan.
- March 12 - Two Maryville female juveniles were referred to the juvenile office following an incident at a local business in which a package of hair clips and combs were taken without being paid for.
- March 12 - Fire units responded to a grass fire east of Maryville. It was a controlled burn when wind gusts blew it out of control. Units brought it under control.
- March 13 - Two pop machines outside of a local business were damaged. Salt water had been poured into the dollar bill slots.
- March 13 - A Maryville male reported the theft of a three-foot high deer statue from his front yard. The loss value was \$30.
- March 13 - Richard Horn, of Maryville, said while his vehicle was parked in the 500 block of West Second, it was struck by Kathy L. Goerlitz, of Maryville, who then left the scene. Goerlitz was later located, and the case was referred to the prosecuting attorney.
- March 14 - A Maryville female said that witnesses had seen a subject in her residence. She found several items were missing and a trash can had been emptied across the floor.
- March 14 - Officers stopped a vehicle at Main and Lieber for a traffic violation. Patrick W. Trahan, 20, of Kansas City, received a summons for possession of an altered driver's license and was released after posting bond.
- March 14 - Fire units responded to a structure fire in the 200 block of West Twelfth. The mobile home and contents were a total loss. The fire was started from a stove burner.
- March 14 - A Dodge was towed from the 200 block of West Second where it was illegally parked.
- March 14 - Timothy Wilmes, 24, of Maryville, received summons for a barking dog after complaints of the dog barking continuously.
- March 14 - A Maryville female reported that the aluminum siding on her residence had been damaged. It was dented all the way around the residence.
- March 14 - Anthony Barman, of Barnard, was backing out of his drive and he struck James A. Caček, of Maryville, who was south on Dewey and north of second. A citation was issued to Barman for careless and imprudent driving.
- March 15 - A local business reported a theft of and "Edlund" electronic scale. The loss value was \$175.
- March 15 - A Maryville male reported that he was being harassed by a female subject.
- March 15 - A local business reported that a male subject had rented a video movie and Super Nintendo game and has failed to return them.
- March 15 - A Maryville female reported that she had been receiving harassing phone calls.
- March 15 - Steven E. Root, 23, Brad M. McConahay, 21, Brian R. Sturm, 23, and Neil H. Yung, 21 had a party that was shut down. Officers observed the occupants charging people to enter. The occupants were issued a summons for peace disturbance and charging admission to a keg party-providing beer for minors.
- March 15 - Michelle L. Pace, 20, of Maryville, received a summons for minor in possession.
- March 15 - Sheila M. Goben, 19, of Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.
- March 15 - A Maryville male reported that the license plates on his vehicle had either been lost or stolen.
- March 15 - Derek J. Morris, 19, of Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.
- March 15 - A Dodge was towed from the 200 block of West Second where it was illegally parked.
- March 15 - Aaron I. Burt, 19, of Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession after beer was found in his possession.
- March 15 - Theophil W. Ross and Nicholas S. Klaas, both of Maryville, were headed south on Highway 71 by Lieber when Klaas stopped in traffic and was struck in the rear by Ross. Ross received a citation for careless and imprudent driving.
- March 16 - Kathryn M. Bovick, 19, of Maryville was arrested for larceny following an incident at a local business in which 2 packs of cigarettes were taken without being paid for.
- March 16 - A Maryville female reported that her vehicle had been damaged while parked at her place of employment. All the windows, with the exception of the windshield, had been broken out. The windshield was damaged; it appeared to have been struck with an instrument that did not shatter it but left several holes.
- March 16 - A Maryville female reported that her mailbox had been damaged.
- March 16 - A Maryville male reported damage to his mailbox. It was also observed that neighbors mailboxes had also been damaged. Two neighbors came out to report damage to their mailboxes. It appeared they were struck by a vehicle.
- March 16 - Fire units responded to a grass fire north of Maryville. Upon arrival it was discovered that the owners were burning a pile of brush and old shed and the fire spread in the grass. The fire was extinguished with just a small area of grass being destroyed.
- March 16 - Jerry S. Englert, 19, of Columbia, was issued a summons for minor in possession and was released after posting bond.
- March 16 - Jeremy D. Galloway, 19, of Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.
- March 16 - Brian A. Hanabury, 19, of Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.
- March 16 - A Dodge was towed from the 200 block of West Second where it was illegally parked.
- March 17 - A Maryville male reported that his mailbox had been damaged. It appeared to have been struck with a blunt object.
- March 17 - A public safety officer received a report that a pop machine in a building in the 500 block of West Seventh had been damaged by being knocked over. While talking with the owner of the building, she also was advised that a sign to the building had been stolen.
- March 17 - Jeff J. Clark, 20, of Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.
- March 17 - An Albany female reported that he had been assaulted by another female subject.
- March 17 - A Maryville man complained of person(s) entering his residence. Nothing was found to be missing, but damage was done. Several doors, lights, lamps, bulletin boards, pool cues and the legs on a couch were broken.
- March 17 - Officers responded to the 300 block of East Summit in reference to a fight. Upon arrival and after talking with witnesses and offenders, summons for affray were issued to Joshua J. Emery, 20, Wendy A. Damgar, 22, and Robert L. Sturm, 19, all of Maryville.
- March 17 - Maryville Public Safety received a report of an attempted burglary at a local business. It appeared that person(s) had attempted to pry the door open. They failed to get the door open, but in the process damaged it.
- March 17 - A Public Safety officer responded to a local business on complaint of larceny. Upon arrival he was advised that the offender had attempted to take a bottle of alcoholic beverage without paying for it. Charges are pending.
- March 18 - A Maryville male reported that it appeared that person(s) had attempted to gain entrance into his residence. Upon investigation, it appeared that entrance was not gained but the door was damaged.

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Obituaries

Gladys Irene Worthan

Gladys Irene Worthan, 96, of Barnard, died Friday, March 15, at the Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Aug. 19, 1899, to David and Arrie Lister, of Clarinda, Iowa.

Survivor is one son, Albert Goff.

Services were Monday at the Johnson Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at the Barnard Masonic Cemetery in Barnard.

Clayton Ware Rogers

Clayton Ware Rogers, 81, of Barnard, died Sunday, March 17, at Barnard Housing A-4 in Barnard.

He was born May 30, 1914, to William and Ellen Ware, of Barnard.

Survivors include two stepnephews, Donald and William Pete June; and two cousins, Reba Maffitt-Dorsett, of Gillette, Wyo. and Francis Maffitt Holmes, of St. Joseph.

Raymond Brinson

Raymond "Ray" Brinson, 82, of Savannah, died Monday, March 18, at The Pines Nursing Home in Savannah.

He was born Aug. 25, 1913, to John and Maude Brinson, Bolekow.

Survivors are twin sons, Leo Brinson, of Barnard, and Leon Brinson, of Savannah.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, at the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial will be at Prairie Home Cemetery in Graham.

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Tracksters try to repeat success

Young 'Hounds look to fill shoes left from last year

NATE OLSON
CITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville High School boys' track squad is facing the same problem that was supposed to have plagued the football and basketball teams — inexperience.

As the basketball and football teams enjoyed success and a crop of talented seniors, the track team had the best year in the history of Maryville High School as it won the MEC and district crowns.

That experience is gone now, but head coach Mike Thompson said he is confident a talented group of underclassmen will perform the way they did during the football and basketball seasons.

"I think our team will step up and be better than people think," he said. "We are overly laden with freshman talent, and that is good for the future, but they will also contribute this year."

Thompson said of the 31 boys out for track, 13 are freshman, and he expects six to eight of them to letter on the varsity team.

A majority of the team is made up of juniors and sophomores with only three seniors on the roster.

Jeff Edmonds, a state qualifier in intermediate hurdles, had a spectacular season last year and is going to be expected to contribute again.

"Jeff is a tremendous track person," Thompson said. "He set the school record in intermediate hurdles and depending where we need him, he could fit in about anywhere."

Another senior who will be counted on heavily is Josh McKinley, a shot put and discuss thrower.

"He has a significant role because he is good in the shot and discuss,"

Thompson said. "He can throw the shot 40 feet and throw the discus 130 to 140 feet, and he may run a sprint relay for us."

Jeff Duff, a distance runner, rounds out the senior participants. Thompson said Duff has been like a second coach in practice.

"In practice he gets the other guys to run and he leads them," Thompson said.

Three juniors whom Thompson noted were T.J. Hennegan, Justin Cracraft and Chris Sticken.

Hennegan qualified for state in the pole vault last year and is looked to bolster a strong field events core.

Cracraft suffered through injury last year but Thompson said this year will be moved to sprint work where he expects him to contribute.

Sticken is a shot-putter and discuss thrower whom Thompson said should add depth to those events.

The sophomore class is talented and relatively experienced.

Adam Weldon, a field events specialist, may be a significant point source once again this season.

John Otte, who runs the 800-meter and 1600-meter run, is one of the key performers who headlines a talented group of distance runners.

Brian Jewell, who runs the 3200 meters, consistently placed last year, and looks to improve this year.

Jeremy Lliteras also returns for his second year of as a pole vaulter.

Otte said even though he is only a sophomore, he is not nervous about his expanded role on the squad.

"I like having pressure on me and being the one who is counted on to contribute," he said.

McKim is positive about the season.

"I am excited about this season," he said. "People look at last year and how many people we lost and may not think we will be as good, but we are going to be better than a lot of people think."



LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

Ugggh. Junior shot putter Will Thomason works on his shot putting technique during practice Wednesday afternoon. Thomason is expected to add depth to the shot put and discuss events. Coach Mike Thompson said field events are a strength for the squad this season.

Distance runners set pace for Spoofhound tracksters

NATE OLSON
CITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville High School girls' track team has a lofty, but achievable goal of equaling success it achieved last year.

Last year the Spoofhounds won the Midland Empire Conference and district title. Some talent was lost from that team but Jeff Martin, first-year head coach, is optimistic.

"Right now we are seeing who can do what and we are also doing some conditioning work," he said. "Practice has been going pretty well so far."

Martin has the benefit of two senior state qualifiers. Distance runner, Stacey Otte, and shot put and discuss thrower, Sara Keeler, both qualified for state last year.

Martin said having a runner like Otte who consistently places is comforting.

"You can go into every meet knowing she is going to get you some points," he said. "That will be a big benefit for us."

Junior Val Stiens, who contributed last year in the 400-meter and 800-meter events, said she her goal is to qualify for state.

"I would like to go to state," she said. "I have worked hard on my distance training and my 400's."

Martin said junior Alison Strong adds

depth in the shot put and sophomore Jill Middleton will contribute in the long jump and triple jump.

Martin said his team is particularly strong in distance events and field events but hopes some sprinters come around eventually.

"We are strong in distance events and field events, but I am hoping some of these sprinters will come on and then we will do well," he said.

Otte said she is confident her teammates who run sprinting events will be major contributors this season.

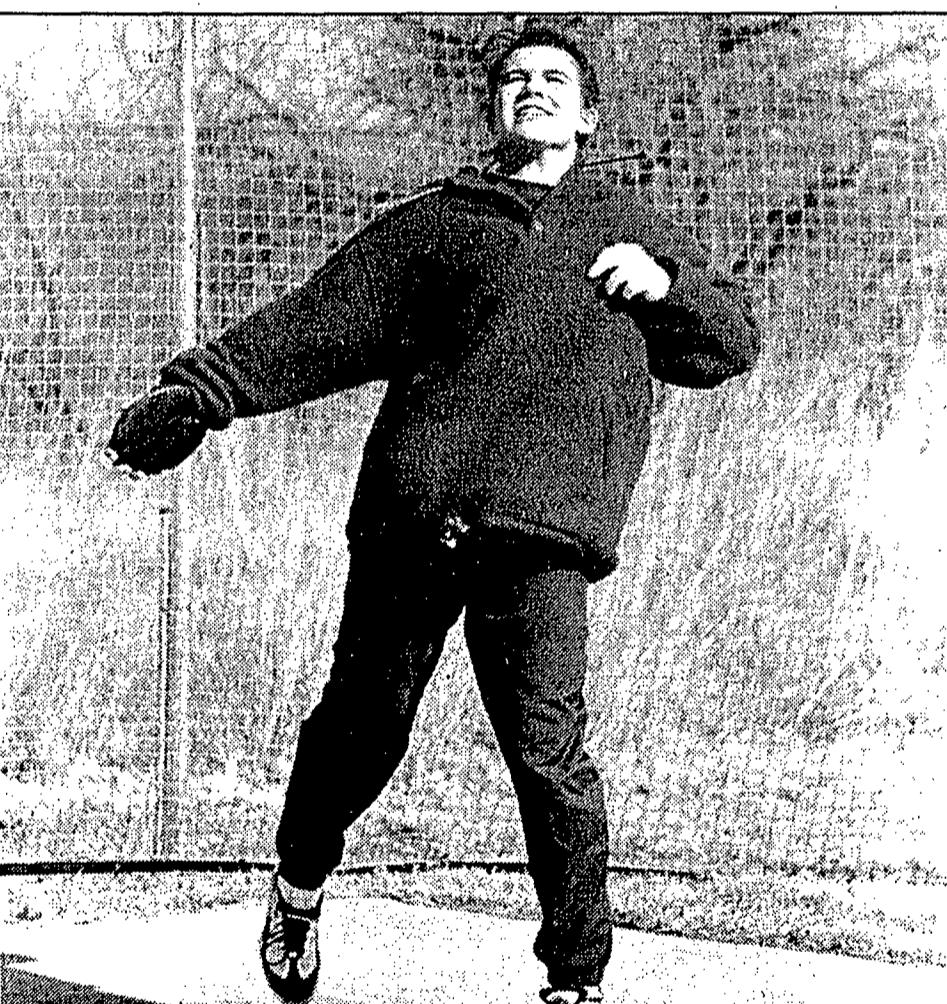
"I think they are going to do real well," she said. "I think if they can, we will go back and defend our conference and district titles."

Martin said he is optimistic about the season and believes it will continue to get better as time progresses.

"I am looking forward to the season," he said. "We are just looking to see what people can do right now, and as we get to know what people can do, I think we will start to get better," he said.

Otte said she is confident she and her teammates can be successful.

"I think our team can do really well and qualify a lot of people to state," she said.



LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

Let 'er fly. Senior Sara Keeler practices throwing discus during a practice session. Keeler and senior Stacey Otte are the two returning state qualifiers from last year's squad that won a conference and district title.

Golfers ready to tee it up

'Hounds ready for

Savages

despite

minimal

practice

time

COLIN McDONOUGH

CHIEF REPORTER

The weather has not been kind lately to the Maryville Spoofhound golf team as it prepares to open its season Thursday.

The 'Hounds will begin their season with a meet at Savannah High School, which begins at 4 p.m.

Pat Turner, head golf coach, said she had planned to have each of the golfers play three qualifying rounds to determine who would be playing at each position.

However, only two golfers were able to complete one round of nine holes, while the rest of the team could only play seven holes.

Turner said this should not have too much of an effect on the meet against Savannah because both teams have had the same problems.

"All the other teams have not been able to play either," she said. "We'll have the same handicap."

Turner also said Savannah usually has a pretty strong team.

Turner, head golf coach, said the weather has not cooperated with the practice schedule.

"We want to get out so bad to qualify, but the weather has just been bad," she said. "I think we will be all right though."

Turner said she is pretty sure about her top three golfers, but after that it is up to the underclassmen.

Jeff Beacons will hold down the No. 1 slot, while Matt Felton will play out of the No. 2 position. Freshman John Throener will start his varsity career in the No. 3 position.

The squad will be in action Monday at 4 p.m. against Lafayette at Mozingo.

Netters open season with MEC competitor

COLIN McDONOUGH

CHIEF REPORTER

The Maryville boys' tennis team is heading into its season opener with hopes of a successful season.

The Spoofhounds will tangle with Savannah High School at 4 p.m. today in Savannah.

P.K. Krokstrom, head tennis coach, said he has determined his top three positions heading into the match.

Krokstrom said freshman Deno Groumoutis will hold down the No. 1 singles position.

Filling in the No. 2 and No. 3 singles positions will be seniors Brian Lewis and Justin Ehlers, respectively.

Krokstrom said he also knows who will play in two of the doubles teams.

Groumoutis will team with Ehlers and Lewis will team up with Aaron Danner to fill out two of the three doubles teams.

Krokstrom said he will determine the other doubles team before the matches take place.

Krokstrom said he will travel with 12 players and then make the decisions on who will play when they get to Savannah.

Krokstrom said the team should be ready to play when they take the court.

Krokstrom said playing Savannah is always a difficult match, just like any other conference meet.

"This conference is always really tough," he said. "There are three teams that can whip up on you at any time."

TimeOut
Cornhusker fans need to realize what is important



JASON TARWATER

Another Nebraska football player resorts to violence

The Cornhusker football team just cannot be stopped — from beating their girlfriends.

Hello everyone. If you remember, the last time I expressed my views in this space, it was October and I was stating why Lawrence Phillips didn't deserve to return to the Nebraska football team. Well, I guess he was rightly punished, being as how he is now getting to skip college, which was so important to him at the time, and go straight to the NFL. Way to go Tom Osborne!

But even though Lawrence is probably not on campus anymore, his spirit in Lincoln lives on. I don't know how many people know this, but now another 'Husker has been charged with choking a woman and behaving inappropriately in public, this time senior co-captain defensive lineman Christian Peters.

Now I don't know about you, but this is starting to disturb me. It's starting to become unsafe for women to go out with football players. Well, Nebraska football players that is.

Is this the kind of camp Osborne wants to run? He's been known throughout his career as a well-respected coach who doesn't take crap from anyone. Well, this year he's apparently taking crap from players and letting them walk all over him.

Not only does he have players who are so insecure with the way they beat up on other grown men on national television week after week (and usually win) that they have to beat up on defenseless women who are about one-third their size, he also has players who have to carry around guns and point them on PROFESSIONAL football players, such as what Tyrone Williams did to New York Jets cornerback Kevin Porter.

I'm sorry, but all I ever hear about from 'Husker fans is that "we win and win, but no one gives us respect." Well, physical violence and guns are not the way to earn it.

I think it's time that someone in the state of Nebraska stood up to the football team. Unfortunately, there is too much riding on it year after year. Every home game, Memorial Stadium becomes the third largest city in Nebraska, behind Lincoln and Omaha. I believe it is time that the football fans look beyond the on-field success and look at what their patronage to the games is encouraging. Stand up against Nebraska and force them to change or throw your support behind another team who does not stand for behavior like this.

Well, there is one good side to this. Peter was a senior and thus is no longer on the team, so he can't be "indefinitely suspended" like Phillips was. He is definitely off the team.

On a happier note, opening day of the baseball season is now only 10 days away. For your reading pleasure, here are my preseason picks.

AL East - This is a very difficult division and, in my opinion, the most competitive in baseball. With three teams vying for the division crown, I have to go against my heart and say the Baltimore Orioles are going to win. They made too many good off-season moves to not be considered the favorite at this point in time.

AL Central - Easy choice here. I have to go with the Indians. Look for them to return to the fall classic.

AL West - Seattle has hurt themselves too much by losing Tino Martinez and Mike Blowers. Besides Johnson, how much pitching do they actually have? I have to pick the Angels to not choke this year.

NL East - Two words, Da Braves. Look for repeat champions.

NL Central - The new-look Cardinals should be very tough to beat although one should never count out the Reds and Astros.

NL West - In this division, the pitching of the Dodgers should be enough although an early surge by the Padres will make things interesting.

AL Wild Card - Yankees. Their pitching right now is the question mark — how good will it be? If Key and Gooden are anywhere NEAR what they used to be, they could even win the division.

NL Wild Card - Padres. They added some pitching to an already decent team, but also look out for the Marlins.

Jason Tarwater is the assistant campus news editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Still going...

Opal Eckert, community leader, gives her pioneering spirit to city

By Virginia Peters

Many people believe just getting up in the morning is a real challenge, but one 91-year-old Maryville lady keeps going with energy the Eveready Bunny® would envy. Her name is Opal Eckert.

Eckert taught for 52 consecutive years in Missouri schools, 21 of them at Maryville High School. During the last five years she taught there, she started and supervised the high school publication "Hi-Lights."

"A few of my students decided to petition for a journalism class and asked me if I would be willing to teach it," Eckert said. "I thought it was a good idea, so I said yes. I've always been interested in communication and teaching, even at age 3."

She also advised the *Northwest Missourian* during her nine years of teaching English and mass media.

Eckert has been honored many times as an outstanding teacher. In 1963, she was named U.S. Journalism Teacher of the Year by Newspaper Fund Inc., which was founded by the *Wall Street Journal*. In 1979 the State Department of Education and Missouri School Board Association named her a Pioneer Educator.

The way Eckert received her degree in teaching was unusual. Instead of earning her bachelor's degree by taking classes, she became a full-time teacher for six years to obtain her degree.

Her teaching has extended beyond schools as well. She has sponsored a

journalism workshop through Northwest for journalism students.

"I had been assigned to do the newspaper and the yearbook at Northeast Nodaway and, having never done these things, I took my students and myself to a workshop Opal sponsored every year," Doris Throckmorton, a Maryville High School English teacher, said. "That's where I got my initial training. Everything I learned about journalism I learned from Opal and her summer workshops."

In the fall of 1974 Eckert worked as a free-lance writer, and in 1976 she began writing her weekly column, "Grassroot Reflections," which were eventually bound into two volumes.

Eckert has also co-edited "Tales of Nodaway County" and compiled the 1994-95 edition of "Pictorial History of Nodaway County."

Along with being an outstanding teacher and journalist, she has served on many committees and organizations. Many of these organizations have honored Eckert for her service.

She has been honored by American Auxiliary of University Women, in which she is a life member, for her service to the state and community by the Missouri division in 1990. The First Christian Church gave her a

Distinguished Service Award.

In 1981 Northwest gave Eckert both a Distinguished Alumni Award and Distinguished Service Award. She also received the Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award in 1975.

Maryville, Nodaway County, the Missouri House of Representatives and the County Fair Board declared July 13, 1991, Opal Eckert Day, though this year, Opal Eckert Day is Saturday. Several organizations plan to honor her in a ceremony at the Historical Society Museum.

Eckert has been the driving force behind many projects in the area.

She co-founded Northwest's Sigma Society and Maryville Venture Club. She has also founded seven scholarships, the Nodaway County Heritage Collection Committee Inc. and the senior center.

"Opal's leadership in creating the senior center was reflective of her desire to help others," said Judy Lawyer, Maryville High School's special education teacher.

Eckert belongs to several organizations. She is a charter and life member of the Tower Society and a life member of the Missouri Association of Teachers of English and



Honoring Opal Eckert.
Former University President B.D. Owens (left) and M.C. Kenny (right) present Opal Eckert with the University's Distinguished Alumni Award and Distinguished Service Award in 1981.

photo courtesy of Opal Eckert

school, what your career is."

Eckert's curious nature has contributed to her love for learning.

"My mother was delighted when I started school — then someone else could answer my questions," she said.

Not only is Eckert curious by nature, but she is also open-minded.

"One of the most interesting things about Opal is that she has been able to accept change," said Bill Bateman, owner of Bateman's Photography and former Eckert student. "I always remember seeing her write everything; now she talks about using a word processor. There are a lot of people her age that don't even want to know what a computer is."

Eckert has touched the lives of many people in her 91 years. Because she centered her life around helping others, she is revered by everyone.

"My mother was delighted when I started school — then someone else could answer my questions."

Opal Eckert
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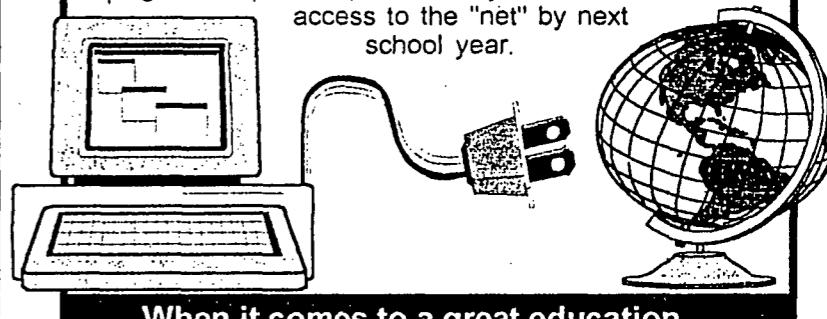
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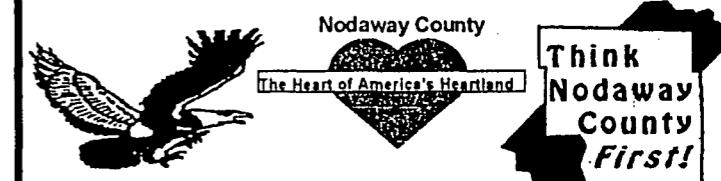
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How to Start a business\$\$

*Current shop owners remember their first steps;
Small Business Development Center provides help*

By Virginia Peters

At some time everyone has wanted to be their own boss, but only a few ever take the risk. For those wanting to open a business, the best way to learn the ropes is to talk to business owners who have met the challenge.

Many business owners, like those in Maryville, knew they wanted to own a business even as a child.

"When I was a little kid, Mom and Dad said there were two things I loved to do and that was play with a recorder and interview people, because I always wanted to be a TV personality or something, and I always used to play store," said Leslie Ackman, owner of Gourmet Pleasures Coffee House. "I would count money and use the calculator. When I was in high school I took a marketing class and I had to design my own business. The store I designed looked very similar to this place."

The first step is to see the city clerk and county clerk and ask what forms need to be filled out. A merchant's license for the county can be obtained at the County Courthouse. After the

forms are filled out and the \$25 merchant's license is obtained, you can go to the Department of Economic Development for your state tax number. By calling the 800-number for the Missouri Business Assistance Center, located in Jefferson City, you can get your federal tax number.

One important thing when buying a new business is having the ground tested by the Environmental Protection Agency.

"If it were a gas station or some-

Ackman started her business with approximately \$1,500 and very little inventory.

"The first day that I opened I was scared to death because I only had like six coffees, 24 bars of soap and maybe 500 bath beads, which isn't much, but I got through it and I sold out of almost everything right before Christmas," she said.

Though it may not be overly expensive, starting a business does mean spending money.

ties, many businesses have developed other promotional means.

The Leaded Bean has begun a coffee delivery service and donated coffee to busi-



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Kerrie Ratcliff
and a fifth-
grade student
discuss a part
of the pen-
making
assembly line
that the class
participated
in.

CHRISTY SPAGNA/
Managing Editor

Fifth-graders dabble in some big business

Though some may think learning how to start a business in fifth grade is a little premature, students at Washington Middle School are doing just that.

Delta Mu Delta, a business honor society at Northwest, began teaching fifth-graders about business in 1995.

The students learned such things as what materials are needed to start a business and how to be interviewed.

The students also learned about the different types of businesses and what each type of business did. They even worked on a mock assembly line and fifth-grade teacher David Weichinger said they decided it was not for them.

the land and the building transferred to you are clean so that your bank would not loan you the money and then five years down the road someone says 'Well, there's something wrong with it EPA-wise' and put you out of business, so you can't pay your loan back."

Another reason many don't start a business is because they believe it's expensive to begin.

"I believe you can start a business for as cheap as \$1,000 if you just know different contacts, different people," Ackman said.

melon Patch. "Every little thing you think you're going to have to buy, write it down and then write down every bit of income you think you're going to get. Then, if you find your income is much more than your expense, then is the time to approach a banker — which is what I did."

Advertising is another important consideration. Most business owners use newspapers and a small amount of radio advertising.

Because most of the advertising done in metropolitan areas usually do not work well in small communi-

ties that are motivated to learning new ways of doing business every day," Anderson said.

DeLapp has regular brainstorming sessions with his management staff.

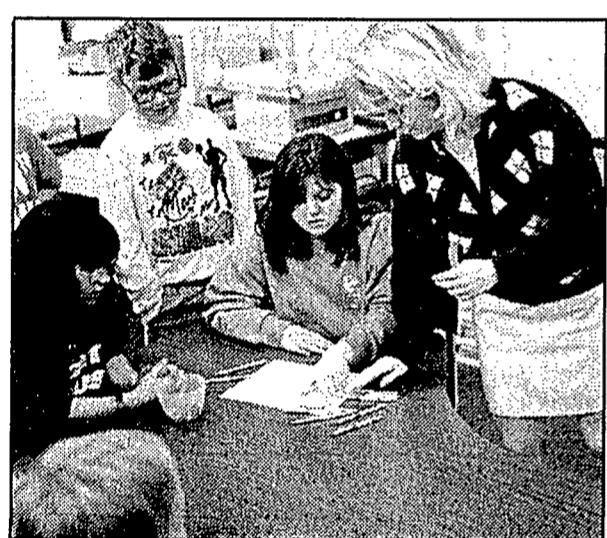
One of the new ideas is a sandwich menu using whole-wheat bread containing all-natural ingredients.

Some people believe owning a business makes life easier. That isn't necessarily true.

"For any new business the most difficult thing is building up a reputation — one that people trust — and also building up a clientele," said Kelly Reichert, owner of the Family Tree. "You have to create something that's neat enough or nice enough that people want to come back and a product that sells itself."

Coming up with new ideas to try, despite possible passive resistance, could be considered the key to a good business.

"The types of businesses that do the best are the businesses with own-



CHRISTY SPAGNA/Managing Editor

Anybody got a pen? David Welchinger's fifth grade class at Washington Middle School assembles pens as part of its junior achievement project.

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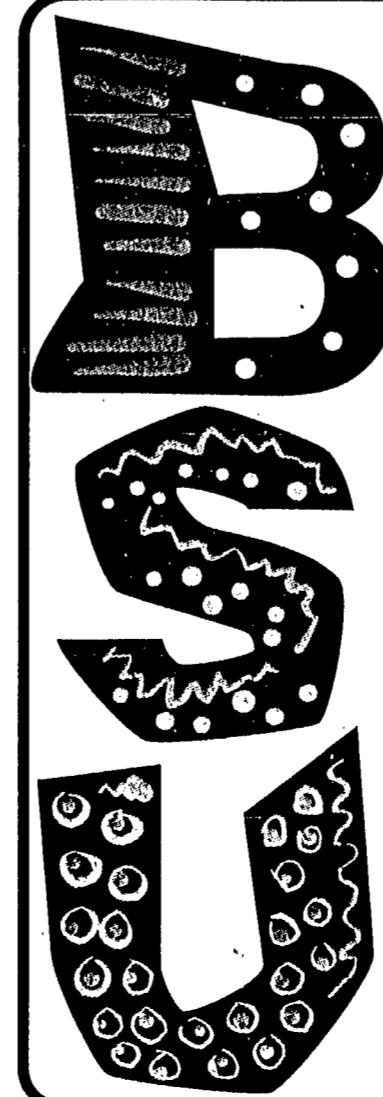


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March 15 vs West Texas A&M
West Texas A&M 5, Northwest 2
March 16 vs SIU-Edwardsville
Northwest 5, SIU-Edwardsville 2
March 18 vs Baker University
Northwest 7, Baker University 0
(Match Results)
SINGLES
#1 (NW) Jony Leitenbauer d. (BU) Birch 7-5, 6-3
#2 (NW) Dave Mendez d. (BU) Thompson 6-1, 7-5
#3 (NW) René Ramirez d. (BU) Michetti 4-6, 6-4
#4 (NW) Trystan Crook d. (BU) Sturdivan 6-2, 6-3
#5 (NW) Nick McFee d. (BU) Koch 6-3, 6-3
#6 (NW) Brant Bermudez d. (BU) Saad 6-4, 6-1
DOUBLES
#1 (NW) Leitenbauer/Crook d. (BU) Birch/Thompson 8-3
#2 (NW) Mendez/Ramirez d. (BU) Michetti/Sturdivan 9-7
#3 (NW) McFee/Bermudez d. (BU) Koch/Bail 8-6

Women's Bearcat Tennis

March 16 vs SIU-Edwardsville
Northwest 7, SIU-Edwardsville 0
March 19 vs Baker University
Northwest 7, Baker University 0
(Match Results)
SINGLES
#1 (NW) Iva Kutlova d. (BU) Hall 6-0, 6-0
#2 (NW) Andi Schneider d. (BU) Loffredo 6-7, 6-2, 7-6
#3 (NW) Kim Buchan d. (BU) Olsson 6-2, 6-1
#4 (NW) Lia Ruiz d. (BU) Cauble 6-0, 6-0
#5 (NW) Maria Groumoutis d. (BU) Schottman 6-4, 6-0
#6 (NW) Sherri Cassady d. (BU) Valentine 6-2, 6-0
DOUBLES
#1 (NW) Kutlova/Schneider d. (BU) Hall/Cauble 8-4
#2 (NW) Buchan/Casady d. (BU) Loffredo/Olsson 8-1
#3 (NW) Ruiz/Groumoutis d. (BU) Schottman/Schottman 8-0

Bearcat Baseball

March 20 vs Bellevue University
Game 1
Northwest 1, Bellevue University 0
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Bellevue 000 000 0 — 0 2 0
NWMSU — Mark Gutkowski and Mike Balm
WP — Gutkowski (2-1), LP — Kiviniemi (1-3).
Game 2
Northwest 4, Bellevue University 1
Northwest 100 000 03 — 4 3 1
Bellevue 000 010 00 — 1 4 3
NWMSU — Matt Fitzmorris, Jay Davidson (6),
Scott Soderstrom (8) and Mike Balm
WP — Davidson (2-1), LP — Nussbeck (2-4).
SV — Soderstrom, 2B — (NW) Tom Murdock

Bearcat Softball

March 15-16 at SIU-Edwardsville Cougar Classic
March 15
Quincy College 5, Northwest 2
University of Missouri-St. Louis 2, Northwest 0
Northwest 6, Indianapolis 4
March 16
Hillsdale College 4, Northwest 0
Northwest 2, Central College 0
March 19 vs Morningside College
Northwest 5, Morningside 4
Morningside 010 012 0 — 4 6 4
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NWMSU — Kristi Sweeney and Jacque Burkhardt.
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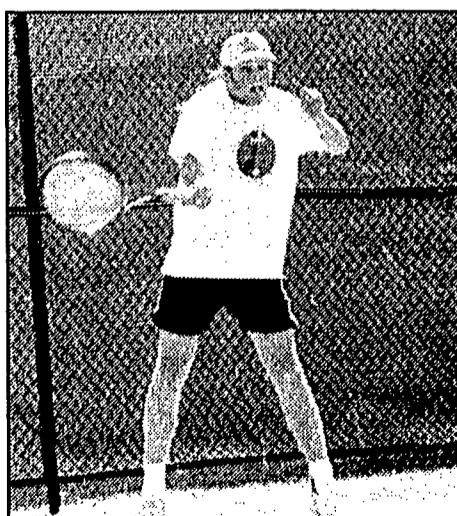
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Jim Johnson — Head Bearcat baseball coach

Correction: In the March 14 issue of the Northwest Missourian, Chris Neumer was misidentified as the Player Watch. The Missourian regrets the error.

PlayerWatch

Nick McFee



MITCH BAYSINGER/Missourian Staff

HOMETOWN: Buckinghamshire, England
YEAR: Junior
MAJOR: Corporate Recreation
CAREER STATS: As a freshman, he finished with a 20-6 singles mark winning the MIAA Championship at No. 6 singles. As a sophomore, repeated his MIAA Champion title at the No. 5 singles spot, finishing at 19-6 and placing 2nd at No. 3 doubles in the MIAA with a 21-6 record
CURRENT STATS: Posting a 9-4 singles record while teaming with two different roommates recording a 6-6 doubles mark

BEARCAT SPORTS

'Cats roll, take 9th straight game

Northwest opens season 11-3 pushing Johnson's career win total to 299

CHRIS GEINSOKY
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Although offense was supposed to be the strongest part of Northwest's team this year, pitching has been the name of the game for the 'Cats thus far.

Northwest traveled to Bellevue University Wednesday and picked up two more victories to push its record to 11-3.

With the two victories, Northwest extended its winning streak to nine straight, and head coach Jim Johnson picked up victory numbers 298 and 299 while at the helm of Bearcat baseball.

Another superb pitching performance

from junior Mark Gutkowski was all the Bearcats needed to wrap up the first game of the twin bill, 1-0.

Offensively, junior Jay Hearn knocked in the only Northwest run in the first inning, and Gutkowski took care of the rest.

Gutkowski came off a no-hitter last Wednesday to throw a two-hit shutout for his second win on the season.

In the second game, Hearn proved to be the difference once again. Hearn drove in two more runs to pick up his second game-winning RBI of the day.

Senior pitcher Matt Fitzmorris started the game for the 'Cats, but senior Jay Davidson picked up the victory while junior Scott Soderstrom saved his second game of the season.

Johnson said he was somewhat concerned about his bullpen, but some of his doubts may have been lessened after

Davidson's performance.

"We're about to start the conference schedule, and our middle relievers still haven't been tested yet," Johnson said. "That's a question we still need answered."

With yet another victory at Bearcat Field, the Bearcats are still undefeated at home this year.

Benedictine College strolled into Maryville Sunday, and, like the last three teams to travel to Northwest, went back home a loser.

Bearcat Field has been kind to the 'Cats, who are 7-0 this season when playing there after the 7-4 victory over the Ravens.

Establishing himself as the team's ace, junior Colby Cartney pitched a complete game to pick up his third win in as many starts which leads the team.

Cartney also leads the 'Cats in innings pitched hurling 20 and 2/3 and has a 3.05

earned-run average.

"I just hope to do as well as I can," Cartney said. "I just want to see the team win and be a strong program."

On the offensive side of things, Hearn and junior Matt Porter went 2-5 on the day and accounted for all of the Northwest tallies in the game.

Hearn scored twice and drove in two runs while Porter crossed the plate three times and collected two RBI of his own.

Northwest is out to a great start, and Johnson said the team is excited about the season.

"We're optimistic; we think we can be a top 20 team in the country," he said. "We're not there yet, but we're getting there."

Up next for the Bearcats will be a pair of double headers Saturday and Sunday starting at noon on Bearcat Field against MIAA opponent Washburn University.

Tennis teams glide in sweeps over Baker

'Cats to stay busy over weekend encountering MIAA rival Northeast

COLIN McDONOUGH
CHIEF REPORTER

The Bearcat women's tennis team continued its early season success while the men are seeming to find their rhythm.

The women's squad went through another undefeated week with wins over two opponents, SIU-Edwardsville and Baker University.

Northwest knocked off SIU-Edwardsville 7-0 and Baker 7-0.

The women now have four netters with an excess of 10 wins — freshman Kim Buchan, sophomore Sherri Casady, junior Maria Groumoutis and senior Lia Ruiz.

Mark Rosewell, head tennis coach, said the women could not have gotten off to a better start.

"It's been a great year and so far it's the best year we've ever had," he said.

The Northwest men's team is trying to get back into the groove they were in last season, which produced an MIAA championship and the Midwest Regional title.

The men began the week with a loss to West Texas A&M University, 2-5, but bounced back with two convincing wins over SIU-Edwardsville, 5-2, and Baker, 7-0.

In the sweep over

Baker, Northwest's junior René Ramirez upped his team-best record to 11-3. It was not easy for Ramirez because he had to come from a set down to win the match in three grueling sets.

Bearcat senior Trystan Crook earned his tenth win of the season with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Fenn Sturdivan of Baker.

With the two victories, Northwest improved its overall record to 8-5 on the season.

Senior Dave Mendez said even though the team struggled early on this season, it is nothing to worry about.

"We feel that we will still win the conference," he said. "It's better to struggle early in the year rather than late in the year."

The doubles play has been the downfall of the men so far this season, Mendez said.

"Our biggest letdown this season has been our doubles play," he said. "It puts a lot of pressure on your singles play if you don't win the doubles point."

Rosewell agreed with Mendez's point about the doubles play.

"You have got to have that doubles point," he said. "If you don't get the doubles point you have got to win four out of the six singles matches to win the match."

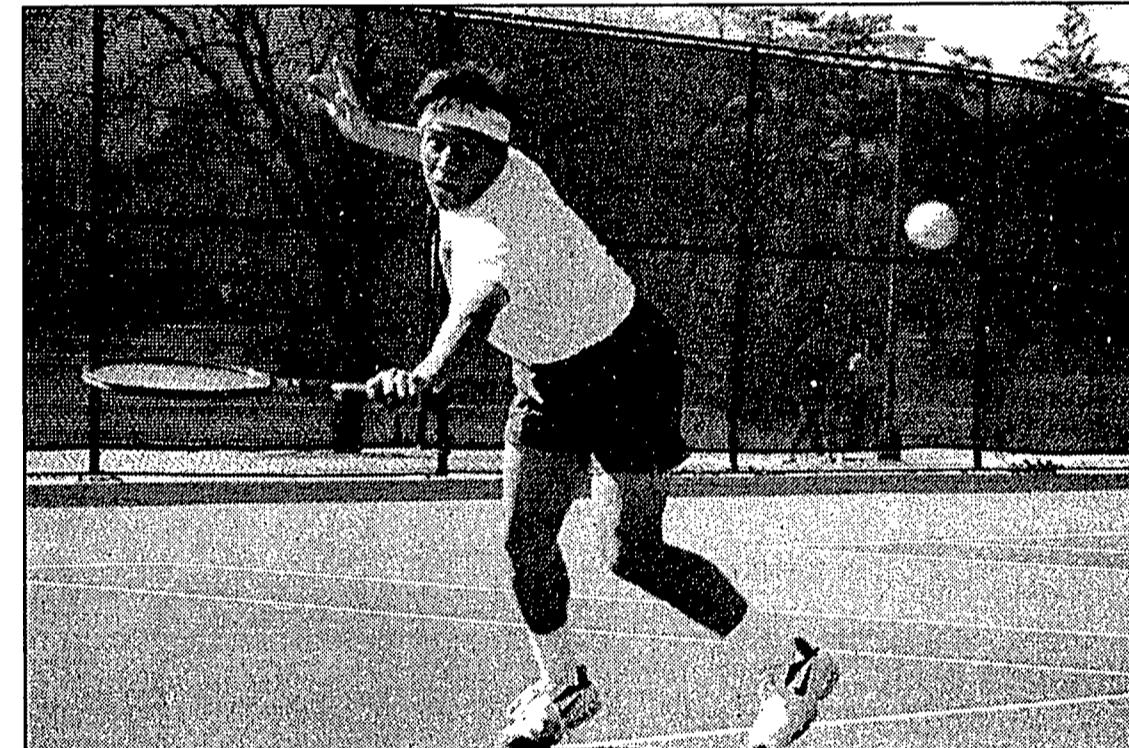
Mendez, who had a sensational season last season, has struggled around the .500 mark this year in singles action.

"I think it has been a lack of confidence," he said. "Going into the spring break I lost a couple of matches and lost my confidence. But now I am starting to get back to my form of last year."

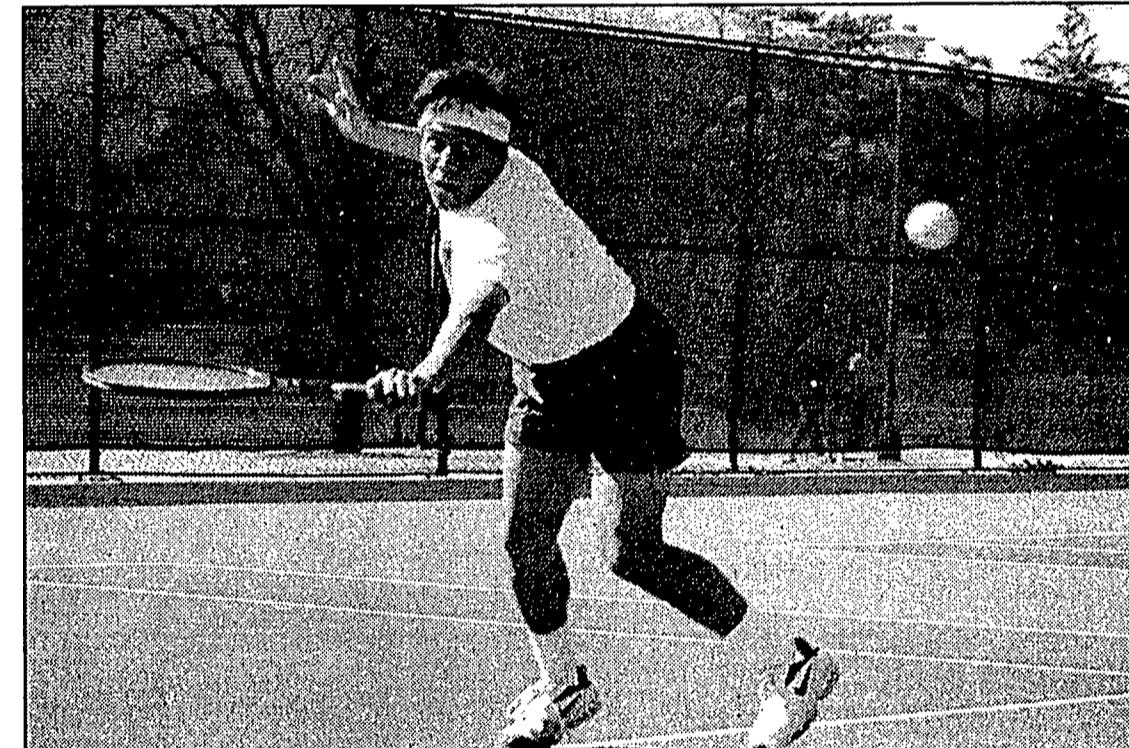
The women and men will now head to Creighton University Thursday to battle the Blue Jays.

The 'Cats will then battle the Graceland College Yellow Jackets Friday.

Saturday brings MIAA rival Northeast Missouri State University to town to do battle with the Bearcats.



GENE CASSELL/Campus Sports Editor



MITCH BAYSINGER/Missourian Staff

Sluggers win in final at-bat

'Cats rally to score 3 in 7th inning to gain 2nd straight victory

ROB J. BROWN
CHIEF REPORTER

"Coming from behind" was the Northwest softball squad's motto as they put on their rally caps Tuesday, pulling off a seventh inning three-run comeback win. With the thrilling victory, the 'Cats raise their record to 6-11.

Smacking a single up the middle, junior catcher Jacque Burkhardt sent senior catcher Amber Cremeens across home plate, tying the game at 4-4 in the seventh inning.

"I was really focused on my task," Burkhardt said. "I was not thinking of tying it up. I just wanted to advance the runner on base."

With no outs in the final inning, sophomore third baseman Amy Breslai laid down a bunt to bring home senior shortstop Natalie Lesko and dispose of Morningside College, 5-4.

Miller said it was nice to pull out the game in the last inning.

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All of the teams could finish with a record above .500"

Diane Miller
Softball head coach

to pull off the win," Burkhardt said. "We haven't been doing that as much as we hoped this year."

Lesko said the hit-and-run play that gained the victory was typical of first-year head coach Diane Miller's style of coaching.

"I was taking advantage of the situation," she said. "Coach told us at the beginning of the year that we were going to play to win and be aggressive, and we pulled out the win."

The Bearcats were paced with a strong pitching effort from senior Kristi Sweeney who gave up one earned run, tossing a complete game.

Miller said it was nice to pull out the game in the last inning.

"(Our last two wins) were big wins," Miller said. "It was nice in the Baker game to get someone instead of them getting us."

Lesko and junior third basemen Karen Hogel led the team with two hits a piece. Sophomore first basemen Sue-ann Zeiger put a run on the board in the second inning, scorching the basepaths for an inside-the-park home run. Her home run was the 'Cats' first dinger of the season.

Northwest is currently ranked 12th out of 12 MIAA schools in batting, 10th in pitching and 11th in scoring. But the 'Cats are combating its lacking offense with stellar defense ranking second in the MIAA in fielding with a .965 average.

Senior pitcher Jennifer Spencer ranks second in strikeouts in the conference sitting down 5.56 batters per contest. While hitting .400, Burkhardt is 12th among other MIAA batters.

Northwest competed last weekend in the Cougar Classic at Southern Illinois University-Edward-



JACY FREAKER/Chief Photographer

She's in there. Senior pitcher Kristi Sweeney dives back into first base in the 'Cats' game with Morningside College. The Bearcats won the game 5-4 scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

ville. The 'Cats' went 2-3 gaining wins over Indianapolis on Friday and Iowa Central Community College of Iowa on Saturday.

Lesko said the Bearcats are trying to learn from their mistakes from earlier in the season and hopefully build momentum after their recent victories.

"Our last two wins have been against real good teams," Lesko said. "That has gotten our confidence level up."

After playing on foreign fields in 12 out of 16 games this season,

the 'Cats are trying to keep their focus while traveling on the road.

"There is a little advantage with the home crowd," Lesko said. "But the crowd is not much of a factor. We should be able to keep up our intensity anywhere."

Northwest will continue its road play facing its first MIAA competitor, Washburn University at 2 p.m. in Topeka, Kan.

"The conference is up for grabs," Miller said. "All of the teams could finish with a record above .500."

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Home pages - how, why?

Are you roadkill on the information highway? Be brave — enter the Web

Colleen Cooke

first in a three part series on home pages

WARNING Information overload. Disk quota exceeded. Shut down immediately. 5...4...3...2...1...

Is this what your head feels like every time you get hit by a barrage of babble about the Internet, the World Wide Web, home pages, web sites and cyberspace? Well, prepare for a reboot because this cyberstuff will be worth your time and disk space.

A precaution: Don't expect to know how to do every cool thing you hear the Internet has to offer the first time you take a ride. Those commercials exalting over how EASY it is for the simplest gimp to work wonders on his PC can paint a slightly misleading picture. This new world has its own language, customs and rules, so don't be discouraged if you're not fluent within 10 minutes.

That said, welcome to your front door (or on-ramp, debriefing center, launch pad — whatever cyberspace cliché you prefer) to the Internet: home pages. The University has built a door for students with the Northwest home page (<http://www.nwmissouri.edu>).

But wait — what are home pages, you say? A home page is an address on the World Wide Web (you know, those strange-looking collections of letters and dashes) used to promote a person, place, thing or idea. For instance, NBC has a home page (<http://www.nbc.com>), but so do many Northwest students. Even YOU can have one. You can find or put practically anything you want on these pages, although a new technology bill may inhibit that ability.

Home pages are the basic components of the Internet — they take up space on the Web with their text, pictures, graphics, video and audio. There are literally thousands of pages you can choose from once you enter the Web.

Here's a sample scenario. You type "lynx" at your VAX prompt, which takes you to Northwest's home page. You use the arrow key to space down to the heading "Faculty and Staff home pages." From there you choose the first name on the list to see what that person's page looks like.

Say that person has a list of topics you like, such as "Animaniacs" or NBA statistics. Whatever is highlighted is considered a LINK, which is an easy way to jump from page to page. You press return on "Animaniacs." From there you find even more places to go, until you are hopelessly mired in links.

You are so lost that you want to start over. So, you press "shift-q," which takes you back to your prompt. You start again, but this time you choose a different name. This time your trip takes a completely different path through the Web because you choose a different link.

Does any of this sound just like one of those "choose your own path" books from junior high? The Internet is eerily similar. Interested? Good. Keep a few things in mind.

"Have a little time on your hands," said Merlin Miller, user consultant in academic computing. "You can find a lot of stuff out there fairly easily. A lot of stuff I have found I've kind of just stumbled across."

However, you can't always count on stumbling across the good stuff. Miller suggests using a search engine, such as Yahoo or WebCrawler. With these, you type in a few key words and it comes back with sites.

"Finding the information is the fun part," Miller said. "You can spend hours at a time and not find anything you want."

Do yourself a favor when you're playing around: Make bookmarks of the places you've found and would like to go back to. That way, you won't have to retrace your steps every time you want to find a page. To make a bookmark, have the address you want to mark highlighted and press "l" and then "a." A suggestion: Make Yahoo (<http://www.yahoo.com>) a bookmark so you can find it quickly. To see and use your list of bookmarks, type "v."

Home pages are valuable sources of information for research papers or articles because for any topic there will be a couple of pages.

However, research isn't the only thing home pages are good for. You can spend hours just messing around, looking for people who have the same hobbies or interests as you.

"There are a whole bunch of people out there that have got similar interests to you," English major Robert Dierks said. "That's why they call this a web. You go here, you go there, and eventually you might find one page out of the 12 that you look at."

Companies are quickly realizing the number of people who are playing on the Internet, and they have been setting up their own pages. You want a Bugs Bunny hat? Go to the Warner Bros. home page (<http://www.warner.bros.com>). All you need is a credit card.

"I don't like sending my credit card over the Internet — it's like ordering something over the phone," Miller said. "I think there's more of a chance for someone to get that number than there would be with a phone call."

Well, you don't have to buy anything if you don't want. Actually, you don't have to do ANYTHING if you don't want. It's a free service for as long as you are a student.

While it is free for you, however, the University does have to pay to be a part of MORENET, which provides the University's access. Miller said Netscape, which is available on about 50 computers in Owens Library, is free to educational institutions.

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Bob Dierks

- English major
- home page address: <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/~0240531>

Some of the links Dierks has created on his home page:

- NBC
- ABC
- CBS
- FOX
- Sci-Fi Network
- WGN
- an online newspaper
- some pagan links
- Yahoo
- X-Files

Dierks' page is quite friendly to those who use "lynx" to access the Internet because his page consists mostly of text and links — no graphics or pictures.

"It's actually a dual reason," he said. "One, it lets people know about me, and two, it's real easy not to have to remember the links you regularly go to. You just go to your home page and go from there."

Handy tip:

- when you find an address you want to check out, type "g" once you get to Northwest's home page and then type the address in full.

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THE RACE IS ON

Pigs and postmen, astronauts and nuns battle it out for the Oscars

By Mike Johnson

For some, the most famous Oscar is a grouch who lives in a can. For others, the most popular Oscar is a weiner. For Hollywood, though, Oscar clearly stands for a prize worth many times more than its weight in gold.

While the nominees wait for their names to be called during the 25th Annual Academy Awards, with host Whoopi Goldberg, viewers will have their chance to see an outrageous fashion show, groan and applaud the often long-winded speeches by the winners and marvel at the facial expressions of the losers after hearing the winner's name called.

Few will actually remember who wins or loses by this time next year, but there will be Oscar moments, like last year's infamous "Oprah, Uma," that will linger long after Hollywood's most prestigious night of patting itself on the back has ended. Who should win and who will win in this unpredictable year when astronauts, young Englishwomen, a postman, a pig and a Scottish hero are all in the running for best picture? Here are some fearless predictions.

The supporting actress category is the easiest category to predict usually (Marisa Tomei for "My Cousin Vinny"). This year is no exception. Kathleen Quinlan, as the token female in "Apollo 13," and Mare Winningham, the title character of strength in "Georgia," are lucky just to be nominated.

The other three are contenders, though one clearly has the advantage. While Joan Allen's Pat Nixon was eerily close to the real thing in "Nixon" and Kate Winslet was adorably award-worthy as the love hungry sis in "Sense and Sensibility," watch the Oscar go to Mira Sorvino for "Mighty Aphrodite." Director/writer Woody Allen is on a roll. Dianne Wiest won last year for his "Bullets over Broadway," so watch lightning strike twice.

The Supporting Actor category is a tough call. Kevin Spacey seemed to be in every movie made in 1995, but received the nomination for "The Usual Suspects," in which he gave one of his lesser performances.

Brad Pitt's tasty performance in "12 Monkeys" was pure ham and James Cromwell actually acted opposite a ham, or a pig, in "Babe" to golden effect.

Tim Roth's absolutely hilarious turn as a villainous English twit in the unfairly ignored "Rob Roy" deserves the prize, but watch dependable supporting player Ed Harris take home the gold just for showing up in "Apollo 13."

Of all the categories, best actress is the strongest for the sheer brilliance of the performances, a change from recent years which have seen very weak women's roles.

Sharon Stone finally earns respect for her showy role in "Casino." Emma Thompson's subtle work in "Sense and Sensibility" was alternately hilarious and moving. Elisabeth Shue and Susan Sarandon were perfection in two very different roles: Sarandon as a nun in "Dead Man Walking" and Shue as a prostitute in "Leaving Las Vegas."

Meryl Streep's emotionally resonant performance in the surprisingly good "Bridges of Madison County" was unforgettable and deserves the prize. However, she will lose to Sarandon, who many think is finally due for the recognition.

Best actor is the easiest of all the categories to predict. If Nicolas Cage doesn't take home the Oscar, there is no justice.

Richard Dreyfuss in "Mr. Holland's Opus," Anthony Hopkins in "Nixon," Massimo Troisi, a sentimental nominee for "Il Postino," and Sean Penn in "Dead Man Walking" all gave career-defining performances, but Cage's onscreen battle with the bottle in "Leaving Las Vegas" was absolutely riveting.

Defining alcoholism for another generation of moviegoers, Cage painted a sobering portrait of a man over the edge.

Finally, the best picture category is notable for nominees that cover a broad spectrum of tastes. From the mass appeal of "Apollo 13" to the massive squeals of "Babe," this year's race is anybody's guess.

"Il Postino" is a pleasant little fable about a postman who befriends Nobel Prize-winning poet Pablo Neruda.

The film got the nomination thanks to a major Oscar campaign by Miramax studios and the sentiment over the death of Troisi, who died the day after filming was

completed.

"Sense and Sensibility" is this year's highbrow entry with a big surprise because, unlike many recent British imports, the movie is hilarious. Emma Thompson's script will win, but don't look for it to go home with the gold.

"Apollo 13" is a mass appeal movie making at its finest, with most of the credit due to director Ron Howard, who surprisingly didn't receive a deserved Oscar nomination.

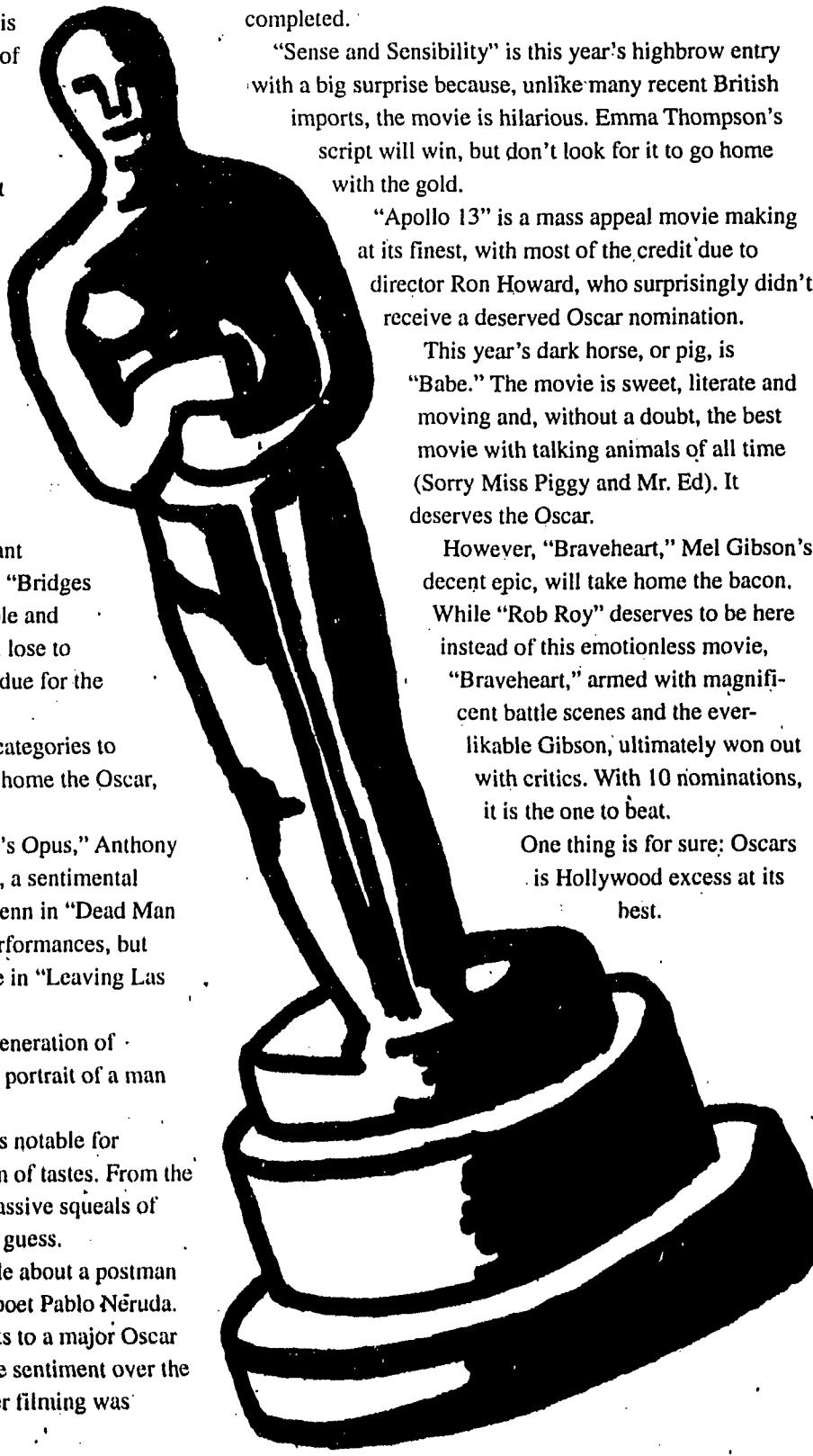
This year's dark horse, or pig, is "Babe." The movie is sweet, literate and moving and, without a doubt, the best movie with talking animals of all time (Sorry Miss Piggy and Mr. Ed). It deserves the Oscar.

However, "Braveheart," Mel Gibson's decent epic, will take home the bacon.

While "Rob Roy" deserves to be here instead of this emotionless movie,

"Braveheart," armed with magnificent battle scenes and the ever-likeable Gibson, ultimately won out with critics. With 10 nominations, it is the one to beat.

One thing is for sure: Oscars is Hollywood excess at its best.



GIESEKES

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ing Dave, "Dad" and Carol, "Mom." Other times, the students give Dave a hard time when he sends Carol flowers.

Even though they work in the same office, Dave said they do have distinct responsibilities.

"She is in charge of publication — although I write sometimes for publications," Dave said. "There are things that she does that I have nothing to do with and there are things that I do that she has nothing to do with. It's not like we're working on every project that comes through here."

Working on the same projects sometimes adds to the publication office's working environment.

"I am probably more critical of his writing than anyone else's because I know I can get away with it," Carol said.

Dave said her criticism helps him.

"I think any of Carol's suggestions make me a better writer," Dave said.

Dave's work schedule requires him to be at many events that are not in the nine to five time-frame while Carol's responsibilities are more linked to the office behind her computer.

"Our jobs dictate home life" more than we would like," Dave said. "But I think that is just the nature of the job — not because we work together, but it is the nature of the position."

However, working with a wall separating them will be a thing of the past when the new public relations offices are finished on the second floor of the Administration Building.

"That's going to be a big change, I think," Dave said. "Because I can't sit at my desk and yell at her or vice-versa because she does the same thing with me. That's going to be the farthest our offices have truly been from one another."

Carol said going to work without Dave would be strange and because they are married, it makes their jobs better.

"I think (being married) makes working together easier because we know each other so well," Carol said. "It's hard to imagine going to work without him. Eventually, we may end up doing that, but it would be really strange."

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Battling the flames.
Fighting a fire at a trailer park on 12th Street, Maryville volunteer firefighters put out the last few flames.

JENNIFER STEWART/
Chief Photographer

Fire extinguishes birthday festivity

Family faces moving on after kitchen flames gut out local trailer home

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

One little 3-year-old Maryville girl went to bed March 13 dreaming of her birthday presents and cake but woke up to flames and smoke.

Whitney Silvey was supposed to celebrate her birthday March 14, but a morning fire woke up her mom Christina and ended up gutting and destroying their mobile home in the court at West 12th Street.

Christina woke up to the smell of smoke and went to investigate.

She noticed that her home was filled with smoke.

"I went into the kitchen to see where the smoke was coming from and didn't see any fire," Christina said. "I opened

the door to air out the place, and flames shot up behind the refrigerator and stove."

She quickly evacuated Whitney and her 4-month-old sister Autumn out the mobile home.

Phil Rickabaugh, fire official for Maryville Public Safety, said his department received the call at 9:31 a.m. "We had 17 fighters on the scene," Rickabaugh said.

Despite that, they were not able to save the home.

Rickabaugh said the fire started on the gas stove in the kitchen.

"I don't know exactly what happened," Christina said. "The firefighters said my 3-year-old started the stove, but she was in bed with me when the fire started. I had two smoke detectors with new batteries, but they didn't do anything."

Christina said she did not have any

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Moving on. Christina Slivey mourns the loss of her home in a trailer park on 12th Street. Fire Department officials believe the fire began with a gas stove in the kitchen.

TODD WEDDE/Contributing Photographer

Student garners position in state republican group

ROB J. BROWN
CHIEF REPORTER

BOB RICE

As attention begins to shift to the national Republican convention this fall, the College Republicans at Northwest are gearing up for a long and exciting presidential race.

Bob Rice, political science major and member of the Northwest College Republicans, was recently elected to serve as the state secretary on the executive board of the Missouri State

Federation of College Republicans.

Rice, a Maryville R-II High School graduate, will keep track of all individual College Republican clubs throughout the state, put out news letters and primarily try to centralize the groups by keeping them all informed.

"I will do the work to help keep the organization going and create support for all the local candidates statewide," Rice said.

He attained the position while in Springfield for Missouri state Lincoln days. He gave a brief speech to the delegates and public in attendance before the vote.

"I was nominated as a candidate, but I really didn't think I had a chance to win," Rice said. "The other two candidates were both juniors and seniors."

He is excited about being the secretary and hopes to bring a bright change to the party.

"It's going to give me a chance to help out the Republican Party," Rice said.

As a freshman, he is the youngest on the executive board and Rice has his eye set to advance on the board over the years.

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Bond supporters hope 6th time's a charm

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

Proponents of the Maryville R-II school bond are hoping the sixth time is the charm when voters go to the polls April 2.

The bond, which calls for the construction of a new middle school to

replace decaying Washington Middle School, has gone before voters in one form or another five times. It has met defeat each time.

Superintendent Gary Bell said the Board of Education has put its unanimous support behind the bond, and he hopes the residents of Maryville do the same.

"We're behind this bond wholeheart-

edly," Bell said. "Now it's up to the people of Maryville."

While this bond is similar to the last five, there are some noted differences.

Marilyn Griffin, school board president, said that while the general purpose of the bond is still to build a new middle school, the process of funding it has changed.

"It's similar, but not quite the same,"

Griffin said. "Last time we proposed funding the project with roll-back revenue bonds instead of general obligation bonds. We're going to go back to using general obligation bonds this time around."

Along with the funding change, there

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Leadership Maryville

ROB J. BROWN
CHIEF REPORTER

Workshop promotes city pride, excellence on the job for residents

From blue- to white-collar workers, people are interested in gaining leadership and excelling in their occupations. Ten years worth of students have done just that — participated in Leadership Maryville.

Leadership Maryville is a workshop that residents participate in to gain better leadership skills in the job site, city and life.

"We target people from all facets in the community to learn more about Maryville," Board president Shelly McIntyre said.

Participants attend weekly meetings at different locations during a four-month period. Each week a speaker from different job areas speak to participants.

Leaders from city government, and various clubs like Rotary, Lions and Soroptimists have spoken to the group in the past.

It travels to Jefferson City to tour the capital, state penitentiary, hear from representatives from the transportation, corrections and state elementary, secondary and higher education offices.

Near the end of the leadership course, it tours around Maryville viewing any of the sites that interests it before its graduation.

Carol Gieseke, director of publications at Northwest and recent graduate of the program, said the

tour and other trips are made fun because of the friendships built between the participants.

After completion of all workshops and meetings, it goes through a casual graduation ceremony. The graduation class, normally about 25, elects three of its members to sit on the Leadership Maryville Board.

McIntyre said for the 10-year anniversary it plans to have an alumni picnic in July.

Past participants have been referred by graduates before them, but the program is open to all residents, as well as newcomers to the county. Involvement costs participants \$120. Although the fee might seem steep, McIntyre said the money goes toward off-setting the cost of the trip to Jefferson City.

"I didn't know what to expect to

learn about the community," Gieseke said. "But I was very eager about (the program) because I get so isolated with the University."

She said the people contributes to the program's success.

"We had people from the hospital, industries, the University, school district, private business and banks," she said. "The variety of age status in the community make it a real nice mix of people."

McIntyre is excited about the program and helping residents in Maryville.

"The program gets people not only to learn more about Maryville, but afterward they know how to help Maryville," she said.

CITY NEWS

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Calendar

Thursday, March 21
Judging will be conducted by committee members for the Washington Middle School poster contest. Winners will be announced.**Friday, March 22**

8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Soroptimist club is sponsoring the Veronica Eckles Free Diabetic Clinic and Health Fair at the First Methodist Church.

Saturday, March 23

Opal Eckert Day, 1 - 3 p.m. A celebration of Women's History Month honoring Eckert at the Nodaway Historical Society.

Sunday, March 24

7 p.m. Brass and Bells concert at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The concert is free to the public.

Friday, March 29

The Distinguished Gentlemen will perform at Washington Middle School to celebrate the end of National Middle School month.

Upcoming Events

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place at noon Mondays and Thursdays at the Wesley Center.

6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Saturdays, Overeaters anonymous at the North Wing dining room at St. Francis hospital.

St. Gregory's Body Walk



An Inside look. With the help of volunteer Janet Rasehun, wearing a brain hat, a group of students attending the Body Walk learn how the brain works. More than 20 area schools participated in the walk which allows children to take a closer look at how their bodies work. The exhibit will be displayed until March 29.

LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

KNIM rocks 'round-the-clock

SUSIE MIRES
SENIOR REPORTER

KNIM 97.1 is rocking around the clock with its recent change to 24-hour programming.

The radio station first began 'round-the-clock programming in February.

"We were pretty quiet about it at

first because we wanted to make sure the technology would work," Deb Raus, KNIM music and program director, said.

The radio station subscribes to a satellite service from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

During that time period, listeners will hear hits from the '50s, '60s and '70s.

Raus said several factors contributed to allow the change in format.

The most important was the purchase of a SmartCaster computer, which allows the station to program and go on the air without an actual broadcaster in the booth.

The community has been supportive of the change. Raus said late-night workers at area business appreciate having a local station to stay up with them. Other Maryville residents

enjoy the early morning broadcast on their clock radios.

"Now they can wake up with KNIM and stay with us throughout the day," Raus said.

Raus said sports fans will not be disappointed with the change. The station will continue to broadcast evening sporting events, including Royals baseball games.

Proposed bond tax rate hits 47¢

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"We're also trying to fund renovations and expansions for the high school," Griffin said.

This project will include building onto and adding equipment to the library, remodeling the cafeteria and science area, and building a new combination cafeteria/meeting area.

Bell said the time for the high school renovations has come.

"We've delayed the work long enough," he said. "The high school issue needs to be addressed and something has to be done about it."

What the changes mean to the voters is a slight increase in cost. The last proposed bond would have added an additional 44 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. The new incarnation of the bond calls for that rate to rise to 47 cents. The total amount of the requested loan is \$7.88 million.

Griffin said the text on the ballot should allow voters to fully comprehend the bond ramifications.

"The wording on the ballot is very clear," she said. "And we have gotten positive feedback from people we've talked to so far."

Griffin said she is excited about the upcoming vote on the bond.

"Saying what the public's reaction to the bond is going to be a very difficult thing," she said. "The bond would be a great benefit to the school and the community, but we won't know what the outcome is until the final vote on April 2."

A constitutional amendment will also be on the April 2 ballot. The amendment calls for a statewide vote on any proposed tax or fee increases that would exceed \$50 million or one percent of total state revenue for one fiscal year.

SCHOOL BOND

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Next week, the Northwest Missourian will provide an extensive preview of the City Council, School Board and sheriff's elections, which will be included on the April 2 ballot.

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Volunteers lace up sneakers for MS walk

SUSIE MIRES
SENIOR REPORTER

Maryville residents will go the distance in the fight against multiple sclerosis during the MS Walk Saturday, April 13.

Ten area communities will participate in the event. In Maryville, the 9.2-mile walk begins at 9 a.m. at the high school with registration at 8 a.m.

"Maryville has always been a really good community to support the walk, which is good because we have a lot of clients in that area," said Linda Frye, community services director of the St. Joseph branch of the MS Society.

Frye said for each dollar raised from pledges, 62 cents will remain in northwest Missouri. Most of the remaining funds will go into research.

"We don't know either the cause or the cure for MS," Frye said.

According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Mid-America Chapter, multiple sclerosis is a disease of

the body's central nervous system. It is an unpredictable disease, but common symptoms include weakness, numbness, impaired sensation and tremors. Each week, 200 Americans are diagnosed with MS, most of them between the ages of 20 and 40. Nearly twice as many women as men have multiple sclerosis.

Anyone who wishes to join the fight against MS may participate in the upcoming fund-raiser. The 1996 goal is to raise \$125 per walker. Prizes are available for different levels of fund raising, beginning with a T-shirt for \$75 worth of pledges. Other prizes include gift certificates from Spiegel or The Sharper Image. The grand prize winner will receive two round trip tickets to any U.S. destination from TWA.

Local sponsors of the walk are the Maryville Business and Professional Women, KNIM Radio and Domino's Pizza.

The co-chairs for the event are Shelly McIntyre and Deb Raus.

To obtain an entry form, pick up a brochure from local businesses or call the St. Joseph branch at 1-800-745-6148.

RICE

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"I'd like to move up the ranks and the entire state of the College Republicans to be a stronger, more centralized unit," Rice said. "I'd also like to help with the grassroots campaigning of all the candidates."

Along with his unique positions on the board, Rice was also elected to

serve as one of the executive committee delegates to Republican conventions, representing Nodaway County.

He is also the first person ever from Northwest and the youngest ever to serve as a delegate.

Rice will have the opportunity to vote on what platform the Republican Party wants to take in the up-

coming presidential election.

Mandy Piper, Northwest College Republicans member, was also chosen as a delegate to state convention from Marion County.

The College Republicans have been busy lately with many activities with the hope of bulking up the club.

The group has made it a goal to con-

verse with the community Republicans



Students of the month.
Washington Middle School announces the students of the month shown from left to right. Front row: eighth-grader Emily Zech; sixth-grader Evan Cloepfil. Back row: fifth-grader Carlissa Devers and seventh-grader Jason Redford.

MITCH BAYSINGER/
Missourian Staff

FIRE

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insurance, but hopes to rebound from the fire.

"We found a house that looks pretty good," she said. "I'm on HUD (Housing and Urban Development), so if they OK it, I think that house will work."

The family is currently staying with friends in rural Maryville.

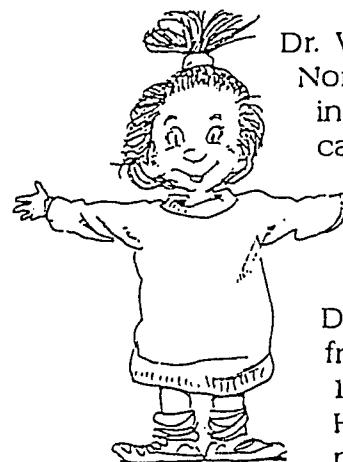
Christina said the family is set for clothes, but it needs additional necessities.

"I don't have any small appliances right now; it's going to take some to get going again," she said.

Anyone wishing to help out the family can contact Donna Fryer, American Red Cross, by calling 582-8160.

St. Francis Family Health Care is pleased to announce the newest addition to its medical staff.

Pediatrician Susan Watson, MD



Dr. Watson returns to her native Northwest Missouri after receiving her medical degree and caring for patients at Santa Rosa Children's Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Watson will see children from newborns through age 17. St. Francis Family Health Care is taking appointments now, with the first child being seen April 1.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Police Reports

These reports are taken from the official reports that Maryville Public Safety and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department receive.

- March 8 - Calvin L. Brown Jr., 21, of Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for burglary. He was released on \$10,000 bond.
- March 8 - Wesley C. Ward, 43, of Skidmore, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released after being held the mandatory eight hours.
- March 9 - Tamara R. Justus, 23, of Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation. She is being held on \$5,000 bond.
- March 9 - Officers took a report of phone harassment from a Maryville subject.
- March 9 - Officers took a report of an assault involving juveniles. This case was turned over to the juvenile office.
- March 9 - A Maryville male reported vandalism to a building he owns on North College Drive. The damage was valued at approximately \$150. Juveniles were discovered to be involved in this incident, and the report was turned over to the juvenile officer.
- March 10 - A Barnard male reported the theft of items from two of his vehicles while they were parked at his residence.
- March 11 - A Maryville male reported that the passenger window of his vehicle was broken out while it was parked in the 900 block of College Avenue.
- March 11 - John A. Lager, of Maryville, was struck by a vehicle belonging to Annah M. Evans, of Maryville, who was attempting to turn from First onto Munn Avenue. Evans was cited with failure to yield. Lager, Evans and a passenger in Lager's car all received probable but not apparent injuries.
- March 11 - Fire units responded to a fire in the 1200 block of East Crestview. It was found that it had been a grease fire. The occupant had removed the pan and thrown it outside. The house did not receive any fire damage, but it did receive smoke damage.
- March 12 - A Maryville male reported the theft of a 12-inch by 16-inch Sentry Model 1800 safe, which contained cash, a gold sailboat emblem, paper cases and a car title.
- March 12 - David L. Wathen, 29, of Maryville, was issued a summons for having an animal at large after his dog was picked up on the Northwest campus.
- March 12 - A Maryville female reported the theft of her driver's license and \$20 from a business in the 400 block of North Buchanan.
- March 12 - Two Maryville female juveniles were referred to the juvenile office following an incident at a local business in which a package of hair clips and combs were taken without being paid for.
- March 12 - Fire units responded to a grass fire east of Maryville. It was a controlled burn when wind gusts blew it out of control. Units brought it under control.
- March 13 - Two pop machines outside of a local business were damaged. Salt water had been poured into the dollar bill slots.
- March 13 - Richard Horn, of Maryville, said while his vehicle was parked in the 500 block of West Second, it was struck by Kathy L. Goerlitz, of Maryville, who then left the scene. Goerlitz was later located, and the case was referred to the prosecuting attorney.
- March 14 - A Maryville female said that witnesses had seen a subject in her residence. She found several items were missing and a trash can had been emptied across the floor.
- March 14 - Officers stopped a vehicle at Main and Lieber for a traffic violation. Patrick W. Trahan, 20, of Kansas City, received a summons for possession of an altered driver's license and was released after posting bond.
- March 14 - Fire units responded to a structure fire in the 200 block of West Twelfth. The mobile home and contents were a total loss. The fire was started from a stove burner.
- March 14 - A Dodge was towed from the 200 block of West Second where it was illegally parked.
- March 14 - Timothy Wilmes, 24, of Maryville, received a summons for a barking dog after complaints of the dog barking continuously.
- March 14 - A Maryville female reported that the aluminum siding on her residence had been damaged. It was dented all the way around the residence.
- March 14 - Anthony Barman, of Barnard, was backing out of his drive and he struck James A. Cacek, of Maryville, who was south on Dewey and north of second. A citation was issued to Barman for careless and imprudent driving.
- March 15 - A local business reported theft of and "Edlund" electronic scale. The loss value was \$175.
- March 15 - A Maryville male reported that he was being harassed by a female subject.
- March 15 - A local business reported that a male subject had rented a video movie and Super Nintendo game and has failed to return them.
- March 15 - A Maryville female reported that she had been receiving harassing phone calls.
- March 15 - Steven E. Root, 23, Brad M. McComahay, 21, Brian R. Sturm, 23, and Neil H. Yung, 21 had a party that was shut down. Officers observed the occupants charging people to enter. The occupants were issued a summons for peace disturbance and charging admission to a keg party-providing beer for minors.
- March 15 - Michelle L. Pace, 20, of Maryville, received a summons for minor in possession.
- March 15 - Sheila M. Goben, 19, of Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.
- March 15 - A Maryville male reported that the license plates on his vehicle had either been lost or stolen.
- March 15 - Derek J. Morris, 19, of Maryville, was issued a summons for peace disturbance and minor in possession after beer was observed in the residence.
- March 15 - Aaron I. Burt, 19, of Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession after beer was found in his possession.
- March 15 - Theophil W. Ross and Nicholas S. Klaas, both of Maryville, were headed south on Highway 71 by Lieber when Klaas stopped in traffic and was struck in the rear by Ross. Ross received a citation for careless and imprudent driving.
- March 16 - Kathryn M. Bovick, 19, of Maryville was arrested for larceny following an incident at a local business in which 2 packs of cigarettes were taken without being paid for.
- March 16 - A Maryville female reported that her vehicle had been damaged while parked at her place of employment. All the windows, with the exception of the windshield, had been broken out. The windshield was damaged; it appeared to have been struck with an instrument that did not shatter it but left several holes.
- March 16 - A Maryville female reported that her mailbox had been damaged.
- March 16 - A Maryville male reported damage to his mailbox. It was also observed that neighbors mailboxes had also been damaged. Two neighbors came out to report damage to their mailboxes. It appeared they were struck by a vehicle.
- March 16 - Fire units responded to a grass fire north of Maryville. Upon arrival it was discovered that the owners were burning a pile of brush and old shed and the fire spread in the grass. The fire was extinguished with just a small area of grass being destroyed.
- March 16 - Jerry S. Englert, 19, of Columbia, was issued a summons for minor in possession and was released after posting bond.
- March 16 - Jeremy D. Galloway, 19, of Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.
- March 16 - Brian A. Hanbury, 19, of Maryville, was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not complete successfully. He was asked to test his blood alcohol content, but he refused. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and he was issued a citation for having his headlights out.
- March 17 - A 1987 Nissan was towed from Third and Fillmore, where it was illegally parked.
- March 17 - A Maryville male reported that his mailbox had been damaged. It appeared to have been struck with a blunt object.
- March 17 - A public safety officer received a report that a pop machine in a building in the 500 block of West Seventh had been damaged by being knocked over. While talking with the owner of the building, she also was advised that a sign to the building had been stolen.
- March 17 - Jeff J. Clark, 20, of Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.
- March 17 - An Albany female reported that he had been assaulted by another female subject.
- March 17 - A Maryville man complained of person(s) entering his residence. Nothing was found to be missing, but damage was done. Several doors, lights, lamps, bulletin boards, pool cues and the legs on a couch were broken.
- March 17 - Officers responded to the 300 block of East Summit in reference to a fight. Upon arrival and after talking with witnesses and offenders, summons for affray were issued to Joshua J. Emery, 20, Wendy A. Damgar, 22, and Robert L. Sturm, 19, all of Maryville.
- March 17 - Maryville Public Safety received a report of an attempted burglary at a local business. It appeared that person(s) had attempted to pry the door open. They failed to get the door open, but in the process damaged it.
- March 17 - A Public Safety officer responded to a local business on complaint of larceny. Upon arrival he was advised that the offender had attempted to take a bottle of alcoholic beverage without paying for it. Charges are pending.
- March 18 - A Maryville male reported that it appeared that person(s) had attempted to gain entrance into his residence. Upon investigation, it appeared that entrance was not gained but the door was damaged.

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Obituaries

Gladys Irene Worthan

Gladys Irene Worthan, 96, of Barnard, died Friday, March 15, at the Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Aug. 19, 1899, to David and Arrie Lister, of Clarinda, Iowa.

Survivor is one son, Albert Goff.

Services were Monday at the Johnson Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at the Barnard Masonic Cemetery in Barnard.

Clayton Ware Rogers

Clayton Ware Rogers, 81, of Barnard, died Sunday, March 17, at Barnard Housing A-4 in Barnard.

He was born May 30, 1914, to William and Ellen Ware, of Barnard.

Survivors include two stepnephews, Donald and William Pete June; and two cousins, Reba Maffit-Dorsett, of Gillette, Wyo. and Francis Maffit Holmes, of St. Joseph.

Raymond Brinson

Raymond "Ray" Brinson, 82, of Savannah, died Monday, March 18, at The Pines Nursing Home in Savannah.

He was born Aug. 25, 1913, to John and Maude Brinson, Bolckow.

Survivors are twin sons, Leo Brinson, of Barnard, and Leon Brinson, of Savannah.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, at the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial will be at Prairie Home Cemetery in Graham.

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Tracksters try to repeat success

Young 'Hounds look to fill shoes left from last year

NATE OLSON
CITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville High School boys' track squad is facing the same problem that was supposed to have plagued the football and basketball teams — inexperience.

As the basketball and football teams enjoyed success and a crop of talented seniors, the track team had the best year in the history of Maryville High School as it won the MEC and district crowns.

That experience is gone now, but head coach Mike Thompson said he is confident a talented group of underclassmen will perform the way they did during the football and basketball seasons.

"I think our team will step up and be better than people think," he said. "We are overly laden with freshman talent, and that is good for the future, but they will also contribute this year."

Thompson said of the 31 boys out for track, 13 are freshman, and he expects six to eight of them to letter on the varsity team.

A majority of the team is made up of juniors and sophomores with only three seniors on the roster.

Jeff Edmonds, a state qualifier in intermediate hurdles, had a spectacular season last year and is going to be expected to contribute again.

"Jeff is a tremendous track person," Thompson said. "He set the school record in intermediate hurdles and depending where we need him, he could fit in about anywhere."

Another senior who will be counted on heavily is Josh McKim, a shot put and discuss thrower.

"He has a significant role because he is good in the shot and discuss,"

Thompson said. "He can throw the shot 40 feet and throw the discus 130 to 140 feet, and he may run a sprint relay for us."

Jeff Duff, a distance runner, rounds out the senior participants. Thompson said Duff has been like a second coach in practice.

"In practice he gets the other guys to run and he leads them," Thompson said.

Three juniors whom Thompson noted were T.J. Hennegan, Justin Cracraft and Chris Sticken.

Hennegan qualified for state in the pole vault last year and is looked to bolster a strong field events core.

Cracraft suffered through injury last year but Thompson said this year will be moved to sprint work where he expects him to contribute.

Sticken is a shot-putter and discuss thrower whom Thompson said should add depth to those events.

The sophomore class is talented and relatively experienced.

Adam Weldon, a field events specialist, may be a significant point source once again this season.

John Otte, who runs the 800-meter and 1600-meter run, is one of the key performers who headlines a talented group of distance runners.

Brian Jewell, who runs the 3200 meters, consistently placed last year, and looks to improve this year.

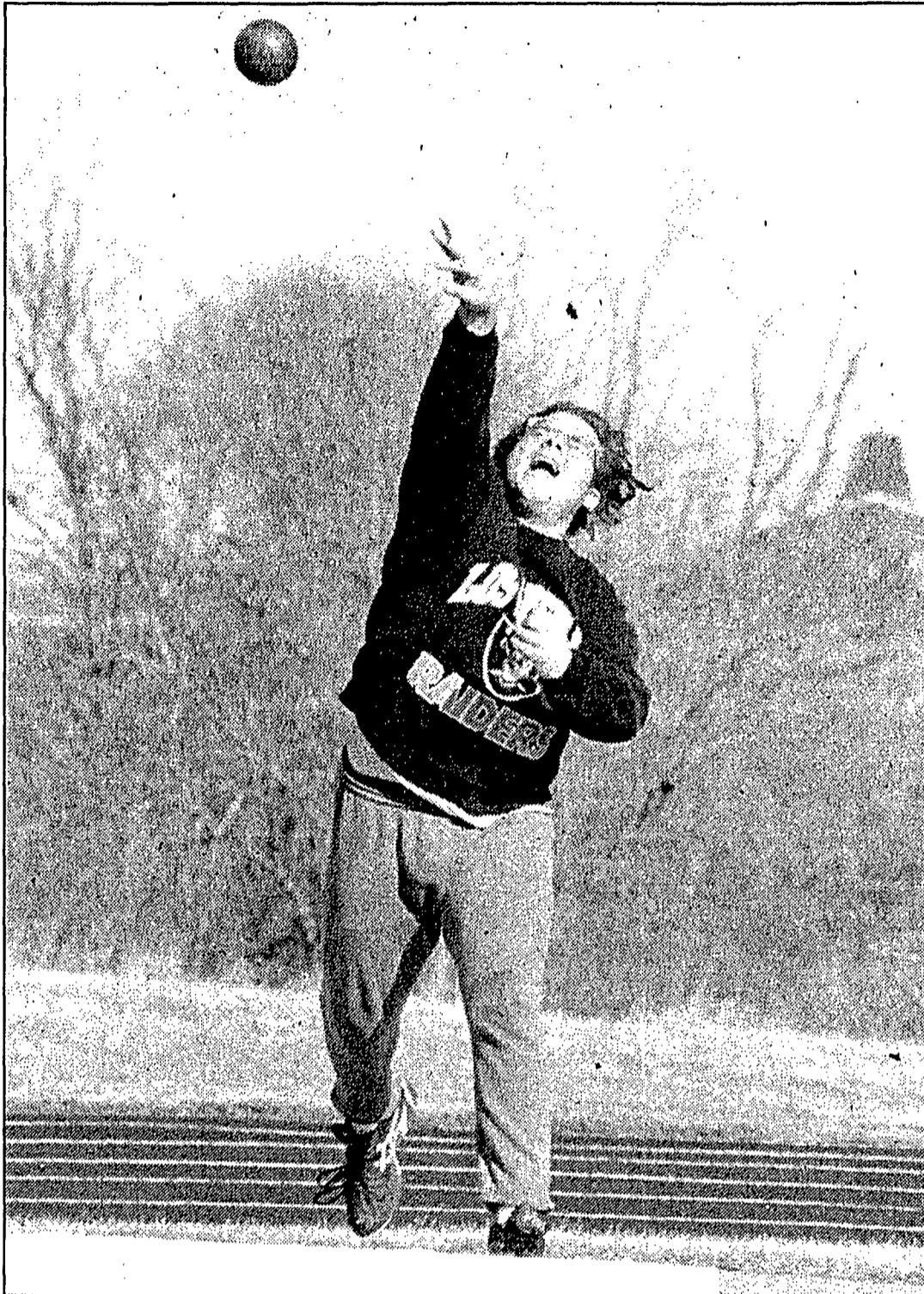
Jeremy Lleras also returns for his second year of as a pole vaulter.

Otte said even though he is only a sophomore, he is not nervous about his expanded role on the squad.

"I like having pressure on me and being the one who is counted on to contribute," he said.

McKim is positive about the season.

"I am excited about this season," he said. "People look at last year and how many people we lost and may not think we will be as good, but we are going to be better than a lot of people think."



LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

Ugggh. Junior shot putter Will Thomason works on his shot putting technique during practice Wednesday afternoon. Thomason is expected to add depth to the shot put and discuss events.

Coach Mike Thompson said field events are a strength for the squad this season.

Distance runners set pace for Spoofhound tracksters

NATE OLSON
CITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville High School girls' track team has a lofty, but achievable goal of equaling success it achieved last year.

Last year the Spoofhounds won the Midland Empire Conference and district title. Some talent was lost from that team but Jeff Martin, first-year head coach, is optimistic.

"Right now we are seeing who can do what and we are also doing some conditioning work," he said. "Practice has been going pretty well so far."

Martin has the benefit of two senior state qualifiers. Distance runner, Stacey Otte, and shot put and discuss thrower, Sara Keefer, both qualified for state last year.

Martin said having a runner like Otte who consistently places is comforting.

"You can go into every meet knowing she is going to get you some points," he said. "That will be a big benefit for us."

Junior Val Stiens, who contributed last year in the 400-meter and 800-meter events, said she her goal is to qualify for state.

"I would like to go to state," she said. "I have worked hard on my distance training and my 400's."

Martin said junior Alison Strong adds

depth in the shot put and sophomore Jill Middleton will contribute in the long jump and triple jump.

Martin said his team is particularly strong in distance events and field events but hopes some sprinters come around eventually.

"We are strong in distance events and field events, but I am hoping some of these sprinters will come on and then we will do well," he said.

Otte said she is confident her teammates who run sprinting events will be major contributors this season.

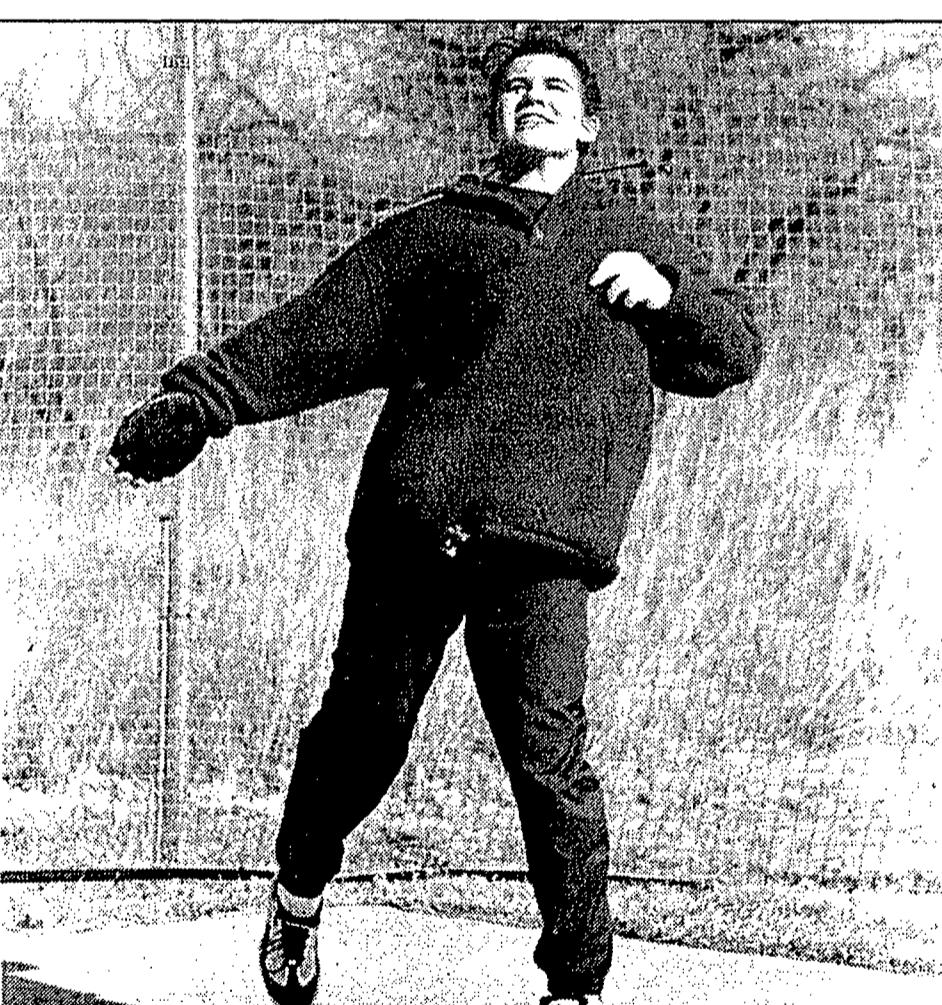
"I think they are going to do real well," she said. "I think if they can, we will go back and defend our conference and district titles."

Martin said he is optimistic about the season and believes it will continue to get better as time progresses.

"I am looking forward to the season," he said. "We are just looking to see what people can do right now, and as we get to know what people can do, I think we will start to get better," he said.

Otte said she is confident she and her teammates can be successful.

"I think our team can do really well and qualify a lot of people to state," she said.



LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

Let 'er fly. Senior Sara Keefer practices throwing discuss during a practice on Wednesday afternoon. Keefer and senior Stacey Otte are the two returning state qualifiers from last year's squad that won a conference and district title.

Golfers ready to tee it up

'Hounds ready for

Savages

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minimal

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time

COLIN McDONOUGH

CHIEF REPORTER

The weather has not been kind lately to the Maryville Spoofhound golf team as it prepares to open its season Thursday.

The 'Hounds will begin their season with a meet at Savannah High School, which begins at 4 p.m.

Pat Turner, head golf coach, said she had planned to have each of the golfers play three qualifying rounds to determine who would be playing at each position.

However, only two golfers were able to complete one round of nine holes, while the rest of the team could only play seven holes.

Turner said this should not have too much of an effect on the meet against Savannah because both teams have had the same problems.

"All the other teams have not been able to play either," she said. "We'll have the same handicap."

Turner also said Savannah usually has a pretty strong team.

Turner, head golf coach, said the weather has not cooperated with the practice schedule.

"We want to get out so bad to qualify, but the weather has just been bad," she said. "I think we will be all right though."

Turner said she is pretty sure about her top three golfers, but after that it is up to the underclassmen.

Jeff Beacom will hold down the No. 1 slot, while Matt Felton will play out of the No. 2 position. Freshman John Throener will start his varsity career in the No. 3 position.

The squad will be in action Monday at 4 p.m. against Lafayette at Mozingo.

Netters open season with MEC competitor

COLIN McDONOUGH

CHIEF REPORTER

The Maryville boys' tennis team is heading into its season opener with hopes of a successful season.

The Spoofhounds will tangle with Savannah High School at 4 p.m. today in Savannah.

P.K. Krokstrom, head tennis coach, said he has determined his top three positions heading into the match.

Krokstrom said freshman Deno Groumoutis will hold down the No. 1 singles position.

Filling in the No. 2 and No. 3 singles positions will be seniors Brian Lewis and Justin Ehlers, respectively.

Krokstrom said he also knows who will play in two of the doubles teams.

Groumoutis will team with Ehlers and Lewis will team up with Aaron Danner to fill out two of the three doubles teams.

Krokstrom said he will determine the other doubles team before the matches take place.

Krokstrom said he will travel with 12 players and then make the decisions on who will play when they get to Savannah.

Krokstrom said the team should be ready to play when they take the court.

Krokstrom said playing Savannah is always a difficult match, just like any other conference meet.

"This conference is always really tough," he said. "There are three teams that can whip up on you at any time."

Time Out

Cornhusker fans need to realize what is important



JASON TARWATER

Another Nebraska football player resorts to violence

The Cornhusker football team just cannot be stopped — from beating their girlfriends.

Hello everyone. If you remember, the last time I expressed my views in this space, it was October and I was stating why Lawrence Phillips didn't deserve to return to the Nebraska football team. Well, I guess he was rightly punished, being as how he is now getting to skip college, which was so important to him at the time, and go straight to the NFL. Way to go Tom Osborne!

But even though Lawrence is probably not on campus anymore, his spirit in Lincoln lives on. I don't know how many people know this, but now another 'Husker has been charged with choking a woman and behaving inappropriately in public, this time senior co-captain defensive lineman Christian Peters.

Now I don't know about you, but this is starting to disturb me. It's starting to become unsafe for women to go out with football players. Well, Nebraska football players that is.

Is this the kind of camp Osborne wants to run? He's been known throughout his career as a well-respected coach who doesn't take crap from anyone. Well, this year he's apparently taking crap from players and letting them walk all over him.

Not only does he have players who are so insecure with the way they beat up on other grown men on national television week after week (and usually win) that they have to beat up on defenseless women who are about one-third their size, he also has players who have to carry around guns and point them on PROFESSIONAL football players, such as what Tyrone Williams did to New York Jets cornerback Kevin Porter.

I'm sorry, but all I ever hear about from 'Husker fans is that "we win and win, but no one gives us respect." Well, physical violence and guns are not the way to earn it.

I think it's time that someone in the state of Nebraska stood up to the football team. Unfortunately, there is too much riding on it year after year. Every home game, Memorial Stadium becomes the third largest city in Nebraska, behind Lincoln and Omaha. I believe it is time that the football fans look beyond the on-field success and look at what their patronage to the games is encouraging. Stand up against Nebraska and force them to change or throw your support behind another team who does not stand for behavior like this.

Well, there is one good side to this. Peter was a senior and thus is no longer on the team, so he can't be "indefinitely suspended" like Phillips was. He is definitely off the team.

On a happier note, opening day of the baseball season is now only 10 days away. For your reading pleasure, here are my preseason picks.

AL East - This is a very difficult division and, in my opinion, the most competitive in baseball. With three teams vying for the division crown, I have to go against my heart and say the Baltimore Orioles are going to win. They made too many good off-season moves to not be considered the favorite at this point in time.

AL Central - Easy choice here. I have to go with the Indians. Look for them to return to the fall classic.

AL West - Seattle has hurt themselves too much by losing Tino Martinez and Mike Blowers. Besides Johnson, how much pitching do they actually have? I have to pick the Angels to not choke this year.

NL East - Two words, Da Braves. Look for repeat champions.

NL Central - The new-look Cardinals should be very tough to beat although one should never count out the Reds and Astros.

NL West - In this division, the pitching of the Dodgers should be enough although an early surge by the Padres will make things interesting.

AL Wild Card - Yankees. Their pitching right now is the question mark — how good will it be? If Key and Gooden are anywhere NEAR what they used to be, they could even win the division.

NL Wild Card - Padres. They added some pitching to an already decent team, but also look out for the Marlins.

Jason Tarwater is the assistant campus news editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Still going...

Opal Eckert, community leader, gives her pioneering spirit to city

By Virginia Peters

Many people believe just getting up in the morning is a real challenge, but one 91-year-old Maryville lady keeps going with energy the Eveready Bunny® would envy. Her name is Opal Eckert.

Eckert taught for 52 consecutive years in Missouri schools, 21 of them at Maryville High School. During the last five years she taught there, she started and supervised the high school publication "Hi-Lights."

"A few of my students decided to petition for a journalism class and asked me if I would be willing to teach it," Eckert said. "I thought it was a good idea, so I said yes. I've always been interested in communication and teaching, even at age 3."

She also advised the *Northwest Missourian* during her nine years of teaching English and mass media.

Eckert has been honored many times as an outstanding teacher. In 1963, she was named U.S. Journalism Teacher of the Year by Newspaper Fund Inc., which was founded by the *Wall Street Journal*. In 1979 the State Department of Education and Missouri School Board Association named her a Pioneer Educator.

The way Eckert received her degree in teaching was unusual. Instead of earning her bachelor's degree by taking classes, she became a full-time teacher for six years to obtain her degree.

Her teaching has extended beyond schools as well. She has sponsored a

journalism workshop through Northwest for journalism students.

"I had been assigned to do the newspaper and the yearbook at Northeast Nodaway and, having never done these things, I took my students and my self to a workshop Opal sponsored every year," Doris Throckmorton, a Maryville High School English teacher, said. "That's where I got my initial training. Everything I learned about journalism I learned from Opal and her summer workshops."

In the fall of 1974 Eckert worked as a free-lance writer, and in 1976 she began writing her weekly column, "Grassroot Reflections," which were eventually bound into two volumes.

Eckert has also co-edited "Tales of Nodaway County" and compiled the 1994-95 edition of "Pictorial History of Nodaway County."

Along with being an outstanding teacher and journalist, she has served on many committees and organizations. Many of these organizations have honored Eckert for her service.

She has been honored by American Auxiliary of University Women, in which she is a life member, for her service to the state and community by the Missouri division in 1990. The First Christian Church gave her a

Distinguished Service Award.

In 1981 Northwest gave Eckert both a Distinguished Alumni Award and Distinguished Service Award. She also received the Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award in 1975.

Maryville, Nodaway County, the Missouri House of Representatives and the County Fair Board declared July 13, 1991, Opal Eckert Day, though this year, Opal Eckert Day is Saturday. Several organizations plan to honor her in a ceremony at the Historical Society Museum.

Eckert has been the driving force behind many projects in the area.

She co-founded Northwest's Sigma Society and Maryville Venture Club. She has also founded seven scholarships, the Nodaway County Heritage Collection Committee Inc. and the senior center.

"Opal's leadership in creating the senior center was reflective of her desire to help others," said Judy Lawyer, Maryville High School's special education teacher.

Eckert belongs to several organizations. She is a charter and life member of the Tower Society and a life member of the Missouri Association of Teachers of English and



Honoring Opal Eckert.

Former University President B.D. Owens (left) and M.C. Kenny (right) present Opal Eckert with the University's Distinguished Alumni Award and Distinguished Service Award in 1981.

photo courtesy of Opal Eckert

Maryville Writing Chapter.

She was also a member of the Missouri Silver-Haired Legislature Board for four years, president of the Missouri Journalism Advisers, co-chair of Missouri's first State Journalism Curriculum Guide and president of Soroptimist International of Maryville for three terms.

As busy as she is, Eckert still finds time to support local people. For instance, she has hired Future Active Citizens of Tomorrow club students from MHS to clean her garage during their fund raising activities.

"The most admirable quality about Opal is her unflagging enthusiasm for people and life," Throckmorton said.

"It's always been there. She has always been interested in what's going on with you, what's going on with your family, what you're doing in

school, what your career is."

Eckert's curious nature has contributed to her love for learning.

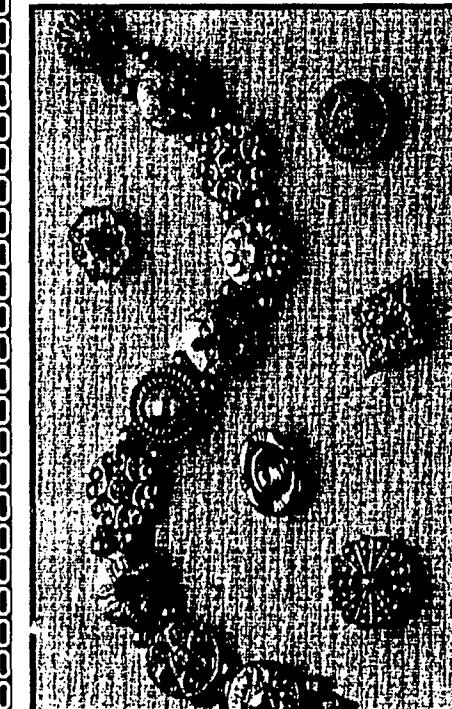
"My mother was delighted when I started school — then someone else could answer my questions," she said.

Not only is Eckert curious by nature, but she is also open-minded.

"One of the most interesting things about Opal is that she has been able to accept change," said Bill Bateman, owner of Bateman's Photography and former Eckert student. "I always remember seeing her write everything; now she talks about using a word processor. There are a lot of people her age that don't even want to know what a computer is."

Eckert has touched the lives of many people in her 91 years. Because she centered her life around helping others, she is revered by everyone.

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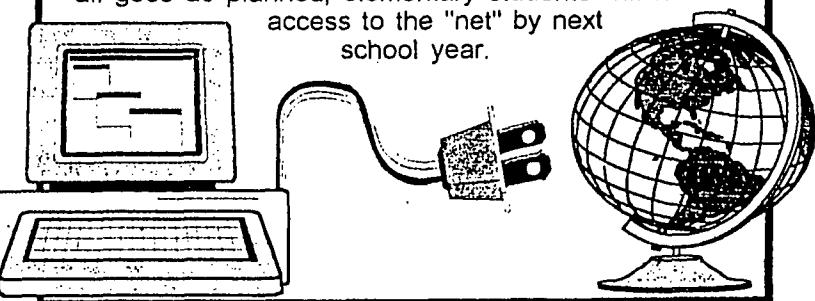
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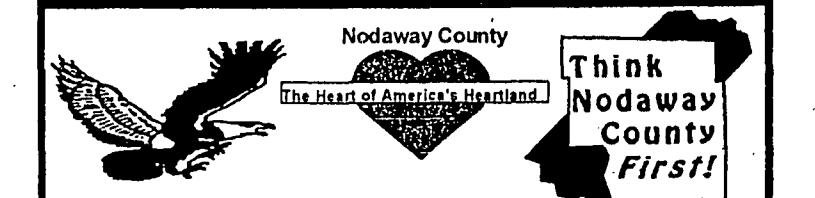
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How to Start a business\$\$

*Current shop owners remember their first steps;
Small Business Development Center provides help*

By Virginia Peters

At some time everyone has wanted to be their own boss, but only a few ever take the risk. For those wanting to open a business, the best way to learn the ropes is to talk to business owners who have met the challenge.

Many business owners, like those in Maryville, knew they wanted to own a business even as a child.

"When I was a little kid, Mom and Dad said there were two things I loved to do and that was play with a recorder and interview people, because I always wanted to be a TV personality or something, and I always used to play store," said Leslie Ackman, owner of Gourmet Pleasures Coffee House. "I would count money and use the calculator. When I was in high school I took a marketing class and I had to design my own business. The store I designed looked very similar to this place."

The first step is to see the city clerk and county clerk and ask what forms need to be filled out. A merchant's license for the county can be obtained at the County Courthouse. After the

forms are filled out and the \$25 merchant's license is obtained, you can go to the Department of Economic Development for your state tax number. By calling the 800-number for the Missouri Business Assistance Center, located in Jefferson City, you can get your federal tax number.

One important thing when buying a new business is having the ground tested by the Environmental Protection Agency.

"If it were a gas station or some-

Ackman started her business with approximately \$1,500 and very little inventory.

"The first day that I opened I was scared to death because I only had like six coffees, 24 bars of soap and maybe 500 bath beads, which isn't much, but I got through it and I sold out of almost everything right before Christmas," she said.

Though it may not be overly expensive, starting a business does mean spending money.

Fifth-graders dabble in some big business

Though some may think learning how to start a business in fifth grade is a little premature, students at Washington Middle School are doing just that.

Delta Mu Delta, a business honor society at Northwest, began teaching fifth-graders about business in 1995.

The students learned such things as what materials are needed to start a business and how to be interviewed.

The students also learned about the different types of businesses and what each type of business did. They even worked on a mock assembly line and fifth-grade teacher David Weichinger said they decided it was not for them.

the land and the building transferred to you are clean so that your bank would not loan you the money and then five years down the road someone says 'Well, there's something wrong with it EPA-wise' and put you out of business, so you can't pay your loan back."

Another reason many don't start a business is because they believe it's expensive to begin.

"I believe you can start a business for as cheap as \$1,000 if you just know different contacts, different people," Ackman said.

melon Patch. "Every little thing you think you're going to have to buy, write it down and then write down every bit of income you think you're going to get. Then, if you find your income is much more than your expense, then is the time to approach a banker — which is what I did."

Advertising is another important consideration. Most business owners use newspapers and a small amount of radio advertising.

Because most of the advertising done in metropolitan areas usually do not work well in small communi-

ties, many businesses have developed other promotional means.

The Leaded Bean has begun a coffee delivery service and donated coffee to businesses such as area banks.

The Dollar Shop uses such promotional devices as buy-seven-get-one-free.

There are difficulties to opening a business as well.

One difficulty is passive resistance, a term coined by the manager of the Leaded Bean,

Corey DeLapp, where people think the new ideas a business owner comes up with are good, but, because the idea is foreign to them, they won't endorse it.

Another difficulty experienced by new business owners is getting their name out to the public.

"For any new business the most difficult thing is building up a reputation — one that people trust — and also building up a clientele," said Kelly Reichert, owner of the Family Tree.

"You have to create something that's neat enough or nice enough that people want to come back and a product that sells itself."

Coming up with new ideas to try, despite possible passive resistance, could be considered the key to a good business.

"The types of businesses that do

ers that are motivated to learning new ways of doing business every day," Anderson said.

DeLapp has regular brainstorming sessions with his management staff.

One of the new ideas is a sandwich menu using whole-wheat bread containing all-natural ingredients.

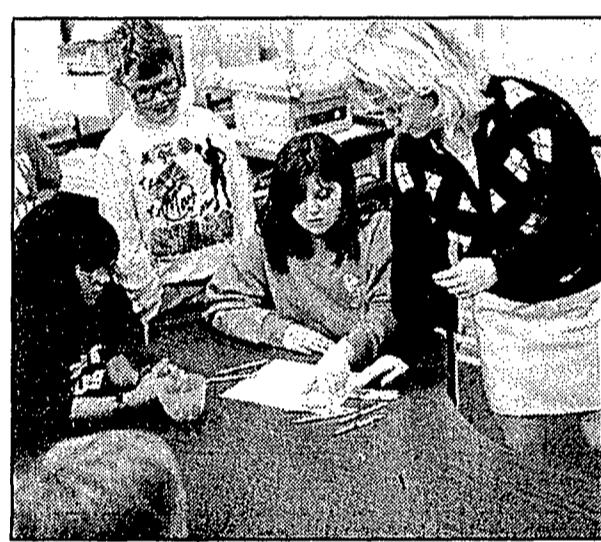
Some people believe owning a business makes life easier. That isn't necessarily true.

"When you own your own business, you don't retire and that's always something that one may believe that 'If I own it, I can leave any time I want. I can take a four-week vacation,'" said Tom Cooney, owner of the Dollar Shop. "You can do that, but suddenly the business after a year or so closes and you wonder why. That's because you're an absentee owner. You're not there living the real blood and guts of what's going on. You've got to make a commitment."



Springing
Kerrie Ratcliff
and a fifth-grade student
discuss a part
of the pen-making
assembly line
that the class
participated
in.

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Managing Editor



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Anybody got a pen? David Welchinger's fifth grade class at Washington Middle School assembles pens as part of its junior achievement project.

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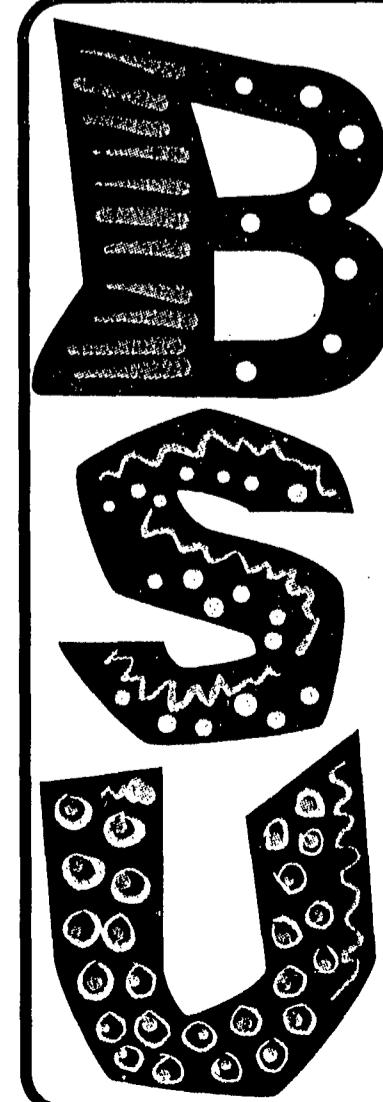
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Men's Bearcat Tennis

March 15 vs West Texas A&M
West Texas A&M 5, Northwest 2
March 16 vs SIU-Edwardsville
Northwest 5, SIU-Edwardsville 2
March 18 vs Baker University
Northwest 7, Baker University 0
(Match Results)
SINGLES
#1 (NW) Jony Leitenbauer d. (BU) Birch 7-5, 6-3
#2 (NW) Dave Mendez d. (BU) Thompson 6-1, 7-5
#3 (NW) René Ramirez d. (BU) Michetti 4-6, 6-4
#4 (NW) Trystan Crook d. (BU) Sturdian 6-2, 6-3
#5 (NW) Nick McFee d. (BU) Koch 6-3, 6-3
#6 (NW) Brant Bermudez d. (BU) Saad 6-4, 6-1
DOUBLES
#1 (NW) Leitenbauer/Crook d. (BU) Birch/Thompson 8-3
#2 (NW) Mendez/Ramirez d. (BU) Michetti/Sturdian 9-7
#3 (NW) McFee/Bermudez d. (BU) Koch/Bail 8-6

Women's Bearcat Tennis

March 16 vs SIU-Edwardsville
Northwest 7, SIU-Edwardsville 0
March 19 vs Baker University
Northwest 7, Baker University 0
(Match Results)
SINGLES
#1 (NW) Iva Kutlova d. (BU) Hall 6-0, 6-0
#2 (NW) Andi Schneider d. (BU) Loffredo 6-7, 6-2, 7-6
#3 (NW) Kim Buchan d. (BU) Olsson 6-2, 6-1
#4 (NW) Lia Ruiz d. (BU) Cauble 6-0, 6-0
#5 (NW) Maria Groumoutis d. (BU) Schottman 6-4, 6-0
#6 (NW) Sherri Cassady d. (BU) Valentine 6-2, 6-0
DOUBLES
#1 (NW) Kutlova/Schneider d. (BU) Hall/Cauble 8-4
#2 (NW) Buchan/Cassady d. (BU) Loffredo/Olsson 8-1
#3 (NW) Ruiz/Groumoutis d. (BU) Schottman/Schottman 8-0

Bearcat Baseball

March 20 vs Bellevue University
Game 1
Northwest 1, Bellevue University 0
Northwest 100 000 0 — 1 5 2
Bellevue 000 000 0 — 0 2 0
NWMSU — Mark Gutkowski and Mike Balm
WP — Gutkowski (2-1). LP — Kiviniemi (1-3).
Game 2
Northwest 4, Bellevue University 1
Northwest 100 000 03 — 4 3 1
Bellevue 000 010 00 — 1 4 3
NWMSU — Matt Fitzmorris, Jay Davidson (6),
Scott Soderstrom (8) and Mike Balm
WP — Davidson (2-1). LP — Nussbeck (2-4).
SV — Soderstrom. 2B — (NW) Tom Murdoch

Bearcat Softball

March 15-16 at SIU-Edwardsville Cougar Classic
March 15
Quincy College 5, Northwest 2
University of Missouri-St. Louis 2, Northwest 0
Northwest 6, Indianapolis 4
March 16
Hillsdale College 4, Northwest 0
Northwest 2, Central College 0
March 19 vs Morningside College
Northwest 5, Morningside 4
Morningside 010 012 0 — 4 6 4
Northwest 110 000 3 — 5 10 6
NWMSU — Kristi Sweeney and Jacque Burkhardt.
WP — Sweeney. LP — Prince.
HR — Sue-ann Zeiger

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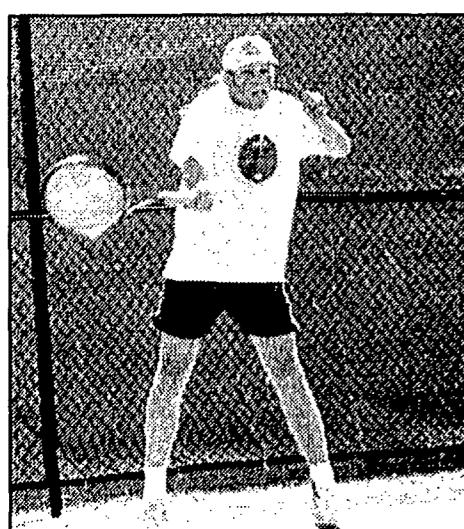
"We're optimistic; we think we can be a top 20 team in the country. We're not there yet, but we're getting there."

Jim Johnson — Head Bearcat baseball coach

Correction: In the March 14 issue of the Northwest Missourian, Chris Neumer was misidentified as the Player Watch. The Missourian regrets the error.

Player Watch

Nick McFee



MITCH BAYSINGER/Missourian Staff

HOMETOWN: Buckinghamshire, England
YEAR: Junior

MAJOR: Corporate Recreation
CAREER STATS: As a freshman, he finished with a 20-6 singles mark winning the MIAA Championship at No. 6 singles

As a sophomore, repeated his MIAA Champion title at the No. 5 singles spot, finishing at 19-6 and placing 2nd at No. 3 doubles in the MIAA with a 21-6 record

CURRENT STATS: Posting a 9-4 singles record while teaming with two different teammates recording a 6-6 doubles mark

'Cats roll, take 9th straight game

Northwest opens season 11-3 pushing Johnson's career win total to 299

CHRIS GEINSOKY
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Although offense was supposed to be the strongest part of Northwest's team this year, pitching has been the name of the game for the 'Cats thus far.

Northwest traveled to Bellevue University Wednesday and picked up two more victories to push its record to 11-3.

With the two victories, Northwest extended its winning streak to nine straight, and head coach Jim Johnson picked up victory numbers 298 and 299 while at the helm of Bearcat baseball.

Another superb pitching performance

from junior Mark Gutkowski was all the Bearcats needed to wrap up the first game of the twin bill, 1-0.

Offensively, junior Jay Hearn knocked in the only Northwest run in the first inning, and Gutkowski took care of the rest.

Gutkowski came off a no-hitter last Wednesday to throw a two-hit shutout for his second win on the season.

In the second game, Hearn proved to be the difference once again. Hearn drove in two more runs to pick up his second game-winning RBI of the day.

Senior pitcher Matt Fitzmorris started the game for the 'Cats, but senior Jay Davidson picked up the victory while junior Scott Soderstrom saved his second game of the season.

Johnson said he was somewhat concerned about his bullpen, but some of his doubts may have been lessened after

Davidson's performance.

"We're about to start the conference schedule, and our middle relievers still haven't been tested yet," Johnson said. "That's a question we still need answered."

With yet another victory at Bearcat Field, the Bearcats are still undefeated at home this year.

Benedictine College strolled into Maryville Sunday, and, like the last three teams to travel to Northwest, went back home a loser.

Bearcat Field has been kind to the 'Cats, who are 7-0 this season when playing there after the 7-4 victory over the Ravens.

Establishing himself as the team's ace, junior Colby Cartney pitched a complete game to pick up his third win in as many starts which leads the team.

Cartney also leads the 'Cats in innings pitched hurling 20 and 2/3 and has a 3.05

earned-run average.

"I just hope to do as well as I can," Cartney said. "I just want to see the team win and be a strong program."

On the offensive side of things, Hearn and junior Matt Porter went 2-5 on the day and accounted for all of the Northwest tallies in the game.

Hearn scored twice and drove in two runs while Porter crossed the plate three times and collected two RBI of his own.

Northwest is out to a great start, and Johnson said the team is excited about the season.

"We're optimistic; we think we can be a top 20 team in the country," he said. "We're not there yet, but we're getting there."

Up next for the Bearcats will be a pair of double headers Saturday and Sunday starting at noon on Bearcat Field against MIAA opponent Washburn University.

Tennis teams glide in sweeps over Baker

'Cats to stay busy over weekend encountering MIAA rival Northeast

COLIN McDONOUGH
CHIEF REPORTER

The Bearcat women's tennis team continued its early season success while the men are seeming to find their rhythm.

The women's squad went through another undefeated week with wins over two opponents, SIU-Edwardsville and Baker University.

Northwest knocked off SIU-Edwardsville 7-0 and Baker 7-0.

The women now have four netters with an excess of 10 wins — freshman Kim Buchan, sophomore Sherri Cassady, junior Maria Groumoutis and senior Lia Ruiz.

Mark Rosewell, head tennis coach, said the women could not have gotten off to a better start.

"It's been a great year and so far it's the best year we've ever had," he said.

The Northwest men's team is trying to get back into the groove they were in last season, which produced an MIAA championship and the Midwest Regional title.

The men began the week with a loss to West Texas A&M University, 2-5, but bounced back with two convincing wins over SIU-Edwardsville, 5-2, and Baker, 7-0.

In the sweep over

Baker, Northwest's junior René Ramirez upped his team-best record to 11-3. It was not easy for Ramirez because he had to come from a set down to win the match in three grueling sets.

Bearcat senior Trystan Crook earned his tenth win of the season with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Fenn Sturdian of Baker.

With the two victories, Northwest improved its overall record to 8-5 on the season.

Senior Dave Mendez said even though the team struggled early on this season, it is nothing to worry about.

"We feel that we will still win the conference," he said. "It's better to struggle early in the year rather than late in the year."

The doubles play has been the downfall of the men so far this season, Mendez said.

"Our biggest letdown this season has been our doubles play," he said. "It puts a lot of pressure on your singles play if you don't win the doubles point."

Rosewell agreed with Mendez's point about the doubles play.

"You have got to have that doubles point," he said. "If you don't get the doubles point you have got to win four out of the six singles matches to win the match."

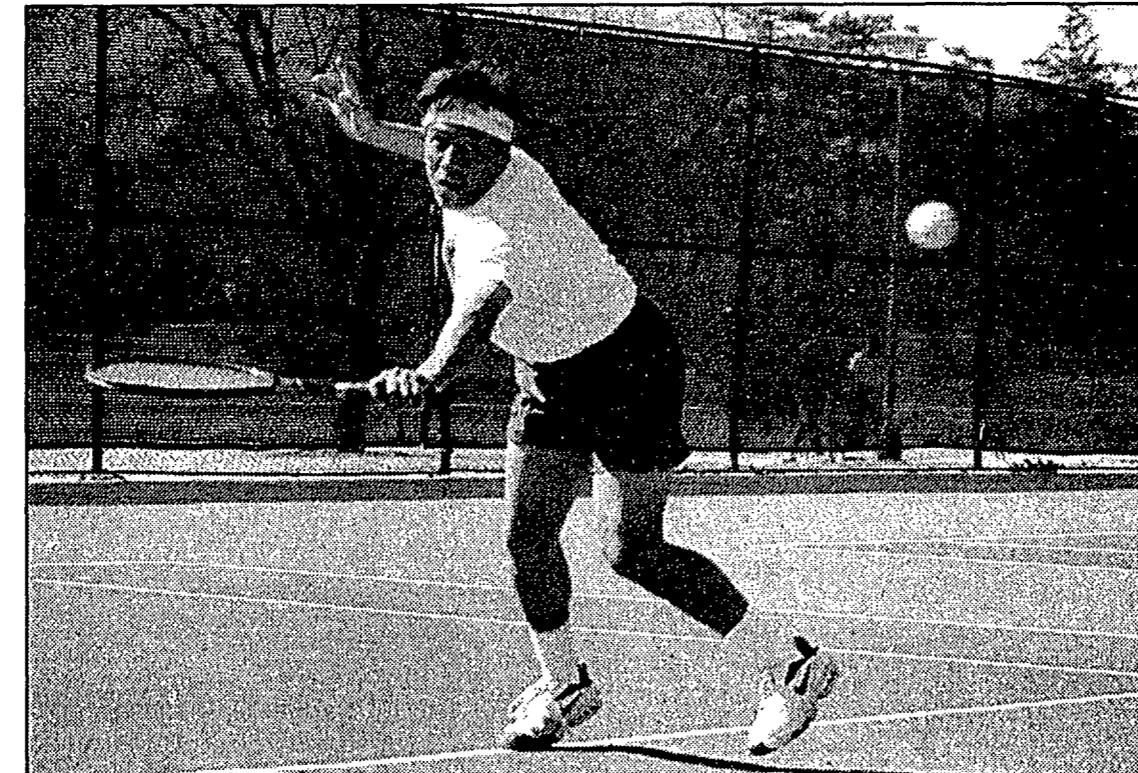
Mendez, who had a sensational season last season, has struggled around the .500 mark this year in singles action.

"I think it has been a lack of confidence," he said. "Going into the spring break I lost a couple of matches and lost my confidence. But now I am starting to get back to my form of last year."

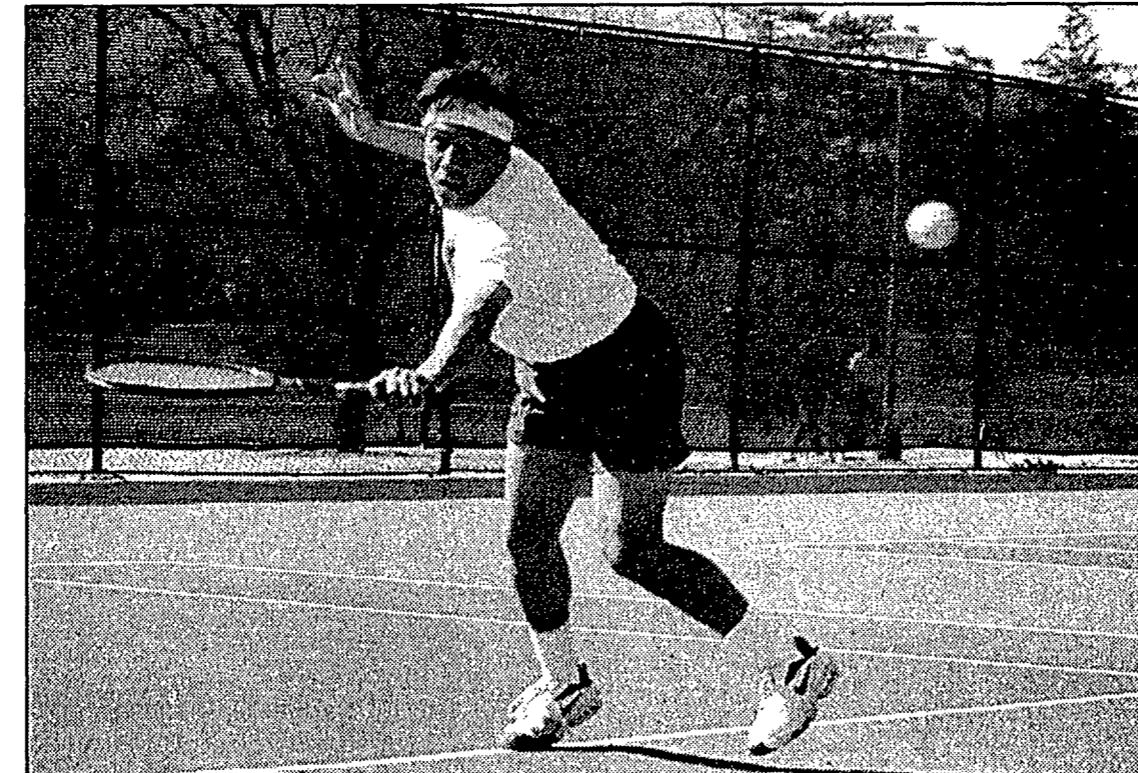
The women and men will now head to Creighton University Thursday to battle the Blue Jays.

The 'Cats will then battle the Graceland College Yellow Jackets Friday.

Saturday brings MIAA rival Northeast Missouri State University to town to do battle with the Bearcats.



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Sluggers win in final at-bat

'Cats rally to score 3 in 7th inning to gain 2nd straight victory

ROB J. BROWN
CHIEF REPORTER

"Coming from behind" was the Northwest softball squad's motto as they put on their rally caps Tuesday, pulling off a seventh inning three-run comeback win. With the thrilling victory, the 'Cats raise their record to 6-11.

Smacking a single up the middle, junior catcher Jacque Burkhardt sent senior catcher Amber Cremeens across home plate, tying the game at 4-4 in the seventh inning.

"I was really focused on my task," Burkhardt said. "I was not thinking of tying it up. I just wanted to advance the runner on base."

With no outs in the final inning, sophomore third baseman Amy Bresnel laid down a bunt to bring home senior shortstop Natalie Lesko and dispose of Morningside College, 5-4.

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Diane Miller
Softball head coach

to pull off the win," Burkhardt said. "We haven't been doing that as much as we hoped this year."

Lesko said the hit-and-run play that gained the victory was typical of first-year head coach Diane Miller's style of coaching.

"We took advantage of the situation," she said. "Coach told us at the beginning of the year that we were going to play to win and be aggressive, and we pulled out the win."

The Bearcats were paced with a strong pitching effort from senior Kristi Sweeney who gave up one earned run, tossing a complete game.

Miller said it was nice to pull out the game in the last inning.

"(Our last two wins) were big wins," Miller said. "It was nice in the Baker game to get someone instead of them getting us."

Lesko and junior third basemen Karen Hogel led the team with two hits a piece. Sophomore first basemen Sue-ann Zeiger put a run on the board in the second inning, scorning the basepaths for an inside-the-park home run. Her home run was the 'Cats' first dinger of the season.

Northwest is currently ranked 12th out of 12 MIAA schools in batting, 10th in pitching and 11th in scoring. But the 'Cats are combating its lacking offense with stellar defense ranking second in the MIAA in fielding with a .965 average.

Senior pitcher Jennifer Spencer ranks second in strikeouts in the conference sitting down 5.56 batters per contest. While hitting .400, Burkhardt is 12th among other MIAA batters.

Northwest competed last weekend in the Cougar Classic at Southern Illinois University-Edward-

ville. The 'Cats went 2-3 gaining wins over Indianapolis on Friday and Iowa Central Community College of Iowa on Saturday.

Lesko said the Bearcats are trying to learn from their mistakes from earlier in the season and hopefully build momentum after their recent victories.

"Our last two wins have been against real good teams," Lesko said. "That has gotten our confidence level up."

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She's In There. Senior pitcher Kristi Sweeney dives back into first base in the 'Cats' game with

Morningside College. The Bearcats won the game 5-4 scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

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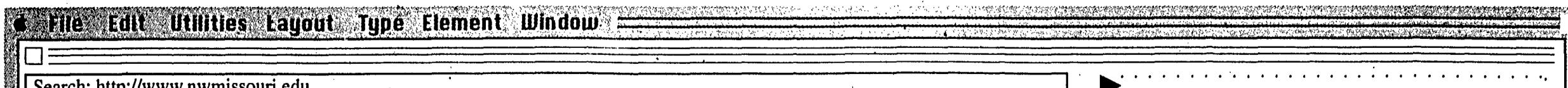
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Home pages - how, why?

Story by Colleen Cooke

first in a three-part series on home pages

Are you roadkill on the information highway? Be brave — enter the Web

WARNING Information overload. Disk quota exceeded. Shut down immediately. 5...4...3...2...1...

Is this what your head feels like every time you get hit by a barrage of babble about the Internet, the World Wide Web, home pages, web sites and cyberspace? Well, prepare for a reboot because this cyberstuff will be worth your time and disk space.

A precaution: Don't expect to know how to do every cool thing you hear the Internet has to offer the first time you take a ride. Those commercials exalting over how EASY it is for the simplest gimp to work wonders on his PC can paint a slightly misleading picture. This new world has its own language, customs and rules, so don't be discouraged if you're not fluent within 10 minutes.

That said, welcome to your front door (or on-ramp, debriefing center, launch pad — whatever cyberspace cliché you prefer) to the Internet: home pages. The University has built a door for students with the Northwest home page (<http://www.nwmissouri.edu/>).

But wait — what are home pages, you say? A home page is an address on the World Wide Web (you know, those strange-looking collections of letters and dashes) used to promote a person, place, thing or idea. For instance, NBC has a home page (<http://www.nbc.com>), but so do many Northwest students. Even YOU can have one. You can find or put practically anything you want on these pages, although a new technology bill may inhibit that ability.

Home pages are the basic components of the Internet — they take up space on the Web, with their text, pictures, graphics, video and audio. There are literally thousands of pages

you can choose from once you enter the Web.

Here's a sample scenario. You type "lynx" at your VAX prompt, which takes you to Northwest's home page. You use the arrow key to space down to the heading "Faculty and Staff home pages." From there you choose the first name on the list to see what that person's page looks like.

Say that person has a list of topics you like, such as "Animaniacs" or NBA statistics. Whatever is highlighted is considered a LINK, which is an easy way to jump from page to page. You press return on "Animaniacs." From there you find even more places to go, until you are hopelessly mired in links.

You are so lost that you want to start over. So, you press "shift-q," which takes you back to your prompt. You start again, but this time you choose a different name. This time your trip takes a completely different path through the Web because you choose a different link.

Does any of this sound just like one of those "choose your own path" books from junior high? The Internet is eerily similar. Interested? Good. Keep a few things in mind. "Have a little time on your hands," said Merlin Miller, user consultant in academic computing. "You can find a lot of stuff out there fairly easily. A lot of stuff I have found I've kind of just stumbled across."

However, you can't always count on stumbling across the good stuff. Miller suggests using a search engine, such as Yahoo or WebCrawler. With these, you type in a few key words and it comes back with sites. "Finding the information is the fun part," Miller said. "You can spend hours at a time and not find anything you want."

Do yourself a favor when you're playing around: Make bookmarks of the places you've found and would like to go back to. That way, you won't have to retrace your steps every time you want to find a page. To make a bookmark, have the address you want

to mark highlighted and press "l" and then "a." A suggestion: Make Yahoo (<http://www.yahoo.com>) a bookmark so you can find it quickly. To see and use your list of bookmarks, type "v."

Home pages are valuable sources of information for research papers or articles because for any topic there will be a couple of pages.

However, research isn't the only thing home pages are good for. You can spend hours just messing around, looking for people who have the same hobbies or interests as you.

"There are a whole bunch of people out there that have got similar interests to you," English major Robert Dierks said. "That's why they call this a web. You go here, you go there, and eventually you might find one page out of the 12 that you look at."

Companies are quickly realizing the number of people who are playing on the Internet, and they have been setting up their own pages. You want a Bugs Bunny hat? Go to the Warner Bros. home page (<http://www.warnerbros.com>). All you need is a credit card.

"I don't like sending my credit card over the Internet — it's like ordering something over the phone," Miller said. "I think there's more of a chance for someone to get that number than there would be with a phone call."

Well, you don't have to buy anything if you don't want. Actually, you don't have to do ANYTHING if you don't want. It's a free service for as long as you are a student.

While it is free for you, however, the University does have to pay to be a part of MORENET, which provides the University's access. Miller said Netscape, which is available on about 50 computers in Owens Library, is free to educational institutions.

"It's not cheap to maintain the access, but anymore, if it goes down, you'd miss it," Miller said. "It's become part of the Northwest students' idea about what they can do here."



Bob Dierks

• English major
home page address: <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/~0240531/>

Some of the links Dierks has created on his home page:

NBC
ABC
CBS
FOX
Sci-Fi Network
WGN
an online newspaper
some pagan links
Yahoo
X-Files

Dierks' page is quite friendly to those who use "lynx" to access the Internet because his page consists mostly of text and links — no graphics or pictures.

"It's actually a dual reason," he said. "One, it lets people know about me, and two, it's real easy not to have to remember the links you regularly go to. You just go to your home page and go from there."

Handy tip:

• when you find an address you want to check out, type "g" once you get to Northwest's home page and then type the address in full.

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ing Dave "Dad" and Carol "Mom." Other times, the students give Dave a hard time when he sends Carol flowers.

Even though they work in the same office, Dave said they do have distinct responsibilities.

"She is in charge of publication although I write sometimes for publications," Dave said. "There are things that she does that I have nothing to do with and there are things that I do that she has nothing to do with. It's not like we're working on every project that comes through here."

Working on the same projects sometimes adds to the publication office's working environment.

"I am probably more critical of his writing than anyone else's because I know I can get away with it," Carol said.

Dave said her criticism helps him.

"I think any of Carol's suggestions make me a better writer," Dave said.

Dave's work schedule requires him to be at many events that are not in the nine to five time-frame while Carol's responsibilities are more linked to the office behind her computer.

"Our jobs dictate home life" more than we would like," Dave said. "But I think that is just the nature of the job — not because we work together, but it is the nature of the position."

However, working with a wall separating them will be a thing of the past when the new public relations offices are finished on the second floor of the Administration Building.

"That's going to be a big change, I think," Dave said. "Because I can't sit at my desk and yell at her or vice-versa because she does the same thing with me. That's going to be the farthest our offices have truly been from one another."

Carol said going to work without Dave would be strange and because they are married, it makes their jobs better.

"I think (being married) makes working together easier because we know each other so well," Carol said. "It's hard to imagine going to work without him. Eventually, we may end up doing that, but it would be really strange."

THE RACE IS ON

Pigs and postmen, astronauts and nuns battle it out for the Oscars

By Mike Johnson

For some, the most famous Oscar is a grouch who lives in a can. For others, the most popular Oscar is a weiner. For Hollywood, though, Oscar clearly stands for a prize worth many times more than its weight in gold.

While the nominees wait for their names to be called during the 25th Annual Academy Awards, with host Whoopi Goldberg, viewers will have their chance to see an outrageous fashion show, groan and applaud the often long-winded speeches by the winners and marvel at the facial expressions of the losers after hearing the winner's name called.

Few will actually remember who wins or loses by this time next year, but there will be Oscar moments, like last year's infamous "Oprah, Uma," that will linger long after Hollywood's most prestigious night of putting itself on the back has ended. Who should win and who will win in this unpredictable year when astronauts, young Englishwomen, a postman, a pig and a Scottish hero are all in the running for best picture? Here are some fearless predictions:

The supporting actress category is the easiest category to predict usually (Marisa Tomei for "My Cousin Vinny"). This year is no exception. Kathleen Quinlan, as the token female in "Apollo 13," and Mare Winningham, the title character of strength in "Georgia," are lucky just to be nominated.

The other three are contenders, though one clearly has the advantage. While Joan Allen's Pat Nixon was eerily close to the real thing in "Nixon" and Kate Winslet was adorably award-worthy as the love hungry sis in "Sense and Sensibility," watch the Oscar go to Mira Sorvino for "Mighty Aphrodite." Director/writer Woody Allen is on a roll: Dianne Wiest won last year for his "Bullets over Broadway," so watch lightning strike twice.

The Supporting Actor category is a tough call. Kevin Spacey seemed to be in every movie made in 1995, but received the nomination for "The Usual Suspects," in which he gave one of his lesser performances.

Brad Pitt's tasty performance in "12 Monkeys" was pure ham and James Cromwell actually acted opposite a ham, or a pig, in "Babe" to golden effect.

Tim Roth's absolutely hilarious turn as a villainous English twit in the unfairly ignored "Rob Roy" deserves the prize, but watch dependable supporting player Ed Harris take home the gold just for showing up in "Apollo 13."

Of all the categories, best actress is the strongest for the sheer brilliance of the performances, a change from recent years which have seen very weak women's roles.

Sharon Stone finally earns respect for her showy role in "Casino." Emma Thompson's subtle work in "Sense and Sensibility" was alternately hilarious and moving. Elisabeth Shue and Susan Sarandon were perfection in two very different roles: Sarandon as a nun in "Dead Man Walking" and Shue as a prostitute in "Leaving Las Vegas."

Meryl Streep's emotionally resonant performance in the surprisingly good "Bridges of Madison County" was unforgettable and deserves the prize. However, she will lose to Sarandon, who many think is finally due for the recognition.

Best actor is the easiest of all the categories to predict. If Nicolas Cage doesn't take home the Oscar, there is no justice.

Richard Dreyfuss in "Mr. Holland's Opus," Anthony Hopkins in "Nixon," Massimo Troisi, a sentimental nominee for "Il Postino," and Sean Penn in "Dead Man Walking" all gave career-defining performances, but Cage's onscreen battle with the bottle in "Leaving Las Vegas" was absolutely riveting.

Defining alcoholism for another generation of moviegoers, Cage painted a sobering portrait of a man over the edge.

Finally, the best picture category is notable for nominees that cover a broad spectrum of tastes. From the mass appeal of "Apollo 13" to the massive squeals of "Babe," this year's race is anybody's guess.

"Il Postino" is a pleasant little fable about a postman who befriends Nobel Prize-winning poet Pablo Neruda.

The film got the nomination thanks to a major Oscar campaign by Miramax studios and the sentiment over the death of Troisi, who died the day after filming was

completed.

"Sense and Sensibility" is this year's highbrow entry with a big surprise because, unlike many recent British imports, the movie is hilarious. Emma Thompson's script will win, but don't look for it to go home with the gold.

"Apollo 13" is a mass appeal movie making at its finest, with most of the credit due to director Ron Howard, who surprisingly didn't receive a deserved Oscar nomination.

This year's dark horse, or pig, is "Babe." The movie is sweet, literate and moving and, without a doubt, the best movie with talking animals of all time (Sorry Miss Piggy and Mr. Ed). It deserves the Oscar.

However, "Braveheart," Mel Gibson's decent epic, will take home the bacon.

While "Rob Roy" deserves to be here instead of this emotionless movie,

"Braveheart," armed with magnificent battle scenes and the ever-likeable Gibson, ultimately won out with critics. With 10 nominations, it is the one to beat.

One thing is for sure: Oscars is Hollywood excess at its best.

